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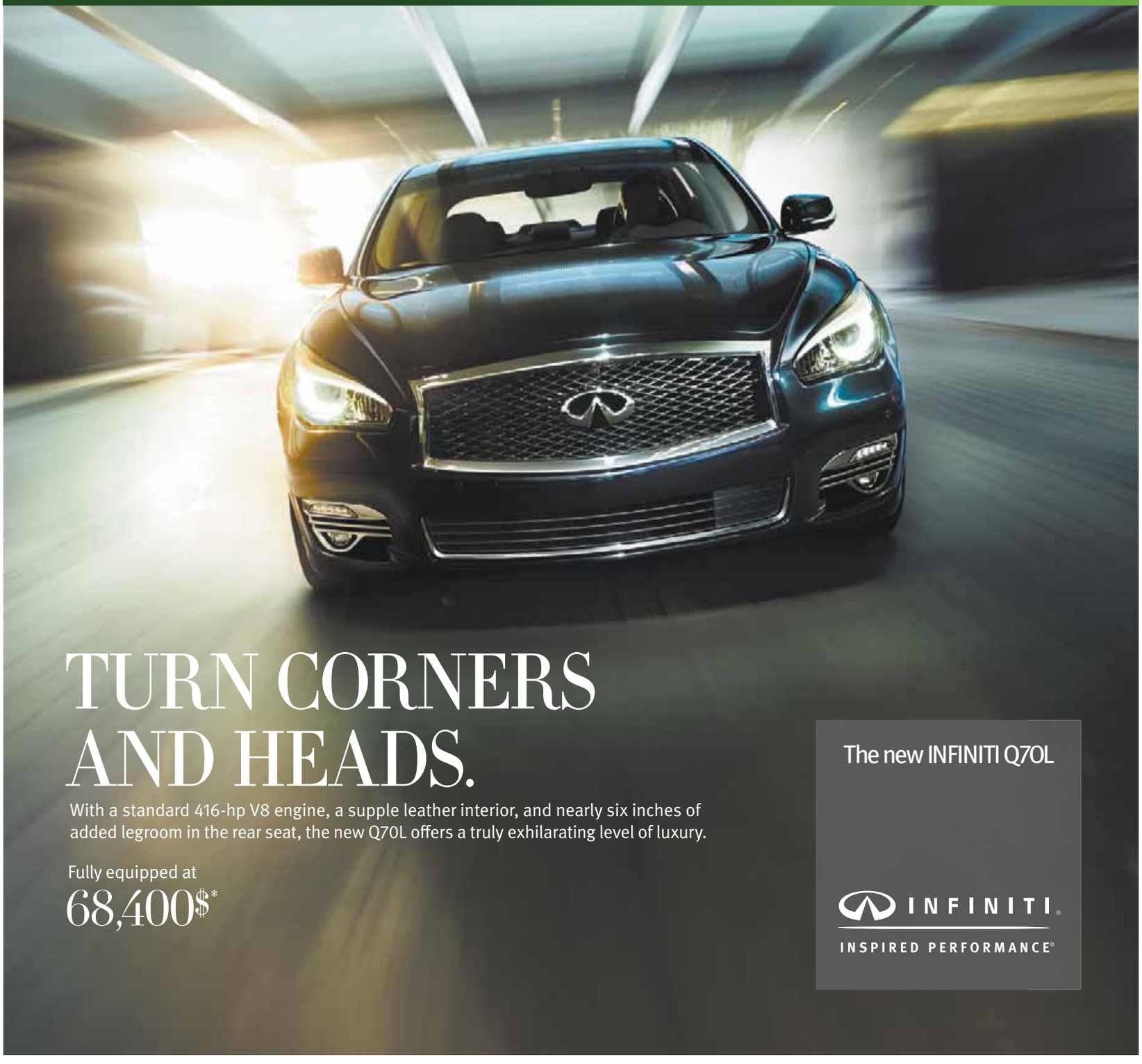
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'How beautiful you are'

Toronto offers its residents and visitors something new and wonderful every day, TTC driver Neil Hermes says in a heartfelt note to the city he loves. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

Our city now has six million stories

Milestone. Toronto's ballooning population shows no signs of slowing

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The centre of the universe just got a little heavier.

The Toronto area's population has ballooned past the six-million mark and shows no signs of slowing down, according to new data from Statistics Canada. The official tally is 6,055,724 residents, up 6.6 per cent from 2010.

The new total means the area now has more residents than all of B.C., twice as many as the Atlantic provinces combined and nearly as many as all of the Prairies.

"It feels great to hit six million," said J.P. Boutros, a former Ward 16 candidate. "It shows that people feel this is an attractive place to live and work." Boutros noted the figure refers to the Toronto census metropolitan area, including Peel, Halton and York. But, he said, that's not a bad thing.

"We're one big ball of people now, and it's only going to get bigger. We need to plan things like transit accordingly."

While growth in Toronto has been slower than places like Edmonton and Calgary, it remains remarkably steady.

Assuming immigration numbers stay the same, StatsCan estimates the Toronto area will top seven million people by 2026 and eight million by 2031. If immigration increases, Toronto's population could hit the eight-million mark by 2024.

And just in case anyone in Hogtown was planning to let this latest milestone go to their head, it's worth pointing out the city is still miniscule compared to behemoths like Tokyo, where the metro-area population exceeds 37 million, and New York, which sits at nearly 21 million people.

Metro won't be publishing on Family Day Monday

The six-million club

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Health

Ontarians big supporters of vaccines: Poll

A new national poll shows that Ontarians takes the hardest line against anti-vaxxers and are among the most supportive of mandatory vaccination at daycares and schools.

According to the Angus Reid poll, 74 per cent of Canadians say people who are against childhood vaccinations are "irresponsible." That number is higher in Ontario where 82 per cent of responders agreed with the statement. In Quebec, only 60 per cent agreed.

Shachi Kurl, senior vice president with the Angus Reid Institute, said the variations show Ontarians have a "heightened level of awareness."

"In Ontario it's almost 4 to 1 that respondents are saying vaccines should be mandatory, versus it should be the parent's choice," she said. "And compare that next door to Quebec, where sentiment is almost evenly split."

The differing opinions, comparing Ontario with the other provinces, could be a result of the stories and news people are consuming, said Kurl. "Awareness can be a key driver of opinion and if awareness is heightened in a particular area, it can have an impact on the strengths of people's feelings," said Kurl.

The poll showed that in Ontario, 87 per cent of people are either scanning the news for information about childhood vaccines or are having conversations about the issue. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tynelle Chase, 23, has been transiting across the GTA to talk with people in the black community for a study on the black experience in Toronto.
ROSEMARY WESTWOOD/METRO

Local youth study black experience in the GTA

Research. Project aimed at shaping future public policy

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Toronto's black youth are at the forefront of what researchers are calling a "groundbreaking" study on the black experience in the GTA.

Tynelle Chase, 23, is one of about 20 youth who began criss-crossing the city last week to talk with a broad range of people from the black community, hoping to gain insights that could shape the future.

Called simply Black Experience, the project is expected to provide the most detailed snapshot ever taken of the community's diversity.

When results are published in the fall, researchers hope they will shed insights on variations in black ethnicity, education, communities and families. That information could then be used to help shape public policy and improve lives.

The project also aims to arm black youth with research skills and expose them to the diversity within their own community by having them conduct some of the 2,000 in-depth interviews.

"Even though I am black, I haven't been a person that's deeply involved with my community," Chase said. "I feel like I've been so ignorant to a lot of things. Being able to hear people's stories and what they go through opens my eyes."

Interviewers such as Chase are asking a range of personal questions, some that have never been asked before in a study, project manager Suelyn Knight said.

Previous research on the GTA's black community has focused on a particular issue or challenge, Knight explained, such as black youth dropout rates or single mothers.

But in this study, the youth want to talk with everyone — from low-income families to millionaires — and ask questions about a person's hopes and dreams, where they found mentorship and how they see their identity.

The youth researchers will become a "living breathing, breathing recorder of people's stories. We can only hope that will bring them closer to understanding who they are, and their contributions to society," Knight said.

Chase is only a few weeks into the interviews, which run until the end of May.

In what's become her full-time job, she's learning a lot about her community and about how identity is different for someone born in Canada relative to someone who came from Africa.

"Even though I'm black, I more identify as Canadian, so I didn't take initiative to learn," she said. "I've been so into this Black History Month in ways I've never been before."

At a glance

- The multi-year research project is being led by the Environics Institute for Survey Research.
- Partners include the United Way of Greater Toronto, and the YMCA of Greater Toronto.

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Flats to go, a relieving idea

Business. Toronto pair behind vending machine that sells slippers at nightclubs

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It's a problem as old as parties and dancing.

You start the night in a mighty fine pair of fashionable high heels, but after hours of dancing — and maybe a little club hopping — you're ready to kick them to the curb.

Enter Sameer Vadera and Andrew Palillo, two Toronto men who just might have an on-the-spot answer to cramped up toes and achy arches.

They're set to launch Save Our Solez — a vending machine offering up flat shoes similar to slippers — later this month at new downtown nightclub SETonKing. With a price point of $14.99 a pair, the slippers come complete with a bag that can be used for lugging those tired high heels home.

"We used to go to nightclubs and always see women leaving barefooted," Vadera said. "Girls would say they are in pain from dancing with their high heels and couldn't wear them anymore."

That was back in 2011, when Vadera and Palillo were still in school at Centennial College. Palillo actually pitched the project and worked on it in a business class. (He got an A-plus, by the way.)

From there, the duo put the project in action, deciding that a vending machine made perfect sense. It cost about $2,500 to buy one and it holds 80 pairs of shoes, which can be easily stocked.

"We think it's a good investment," Vadera said. "The machine sits there and builds you money, while you're helping girls enjoy the club without the pain caused by those heels."

And they're confident demand will be high.

"Every girl we talked to said they have to wear high heels when they go out, but you'll see them sit down or leave early due to the pain," Vadera said. "We've even heard some crazy stories where girls switch heels, you know, to wear a different type of heel so that they can feel a different type of pain."

Save Our Solez hopes to have at least five machines installed around the city by summer.

Sameer Vadera, left, and Andrew Palillo are out to take a particular edge off clubbing through their new business Save Our Solez. COURTESY OF RISHIE VADERA/RV PHOTOGRAPHY

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Luca Perlman says this is one of the posts plowed down by a garbage truck on the Wellesley Street cycle path. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

Destructive garbage truck dismays cyclist

Wellesley. Man wonders why a vehicle owned by the city was mowing down bike lane flex posts

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Luca Perlman pedals to work every day along the Wellesley Street cycle path.

He's used to vehicles parking, albeit illegally, in the bike lane. He's not used to city-owned garbage trucks driving down the path and mowing down the posts that separate riders from traffic.

Perlman snapped a photo of a city garbage truck moving east along Wellesley between Sherbourne and Parliament streets this week. He claims the truck was running over flex posts as it made its rounds.

"Some were bouncing back up but some weren't," he said. "Most of them were crushed into a splintered, oval-type thing, like a McDonald's straw that got sat on."

Perlman tried to tell the driver what was happening, but says he was met with "a not-so-friendly rev of the engine."

Instead, he tweeted his concerns to Ward 28 Coun. Pam McConnell, who responded with "yikes."

A brochure on the city's website says garbage trucks can't park in bike lanes as they go about business, and should "walk bins across the cycle track."

Perlman wants to know why that procedure wasn't followed.

"It's not just inconveniencing me, but it's clearly damaging city property," he said.

Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati, the city's cycling manager, said the brochure is out of date and does not reflect a 2012 bylaw amendment allowing garbage trucks to use the lanes.

She said garbage collectors are unable to drag large containers through the snow, and must be allowed to park in the bike lanes to do their job safely.

Hayward Gulati said the brochure will be removed from the city's website.

As for the damaged flex posts, Hayward Gulati said they're part of the learning curve associated with any new transportation infrastructure.

"This is the most snow we've had since we introduced cycle paths," she said. "We're still trying to find the right balance and satisfy all different types of road users."

By the numbers

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Luca Perlman snapped this shot of the garbage truck in question. CONTRIBUTED

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9 love letters to Toronto

Metro asked a handful of Torontonians to put their love for our city into words. Here are snippets of their notes — read the full versions plus more at metronews.ca.

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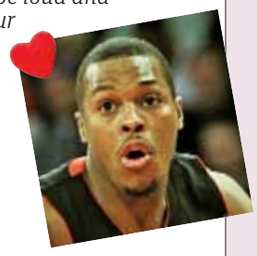
Sincerely, Kyle Lowry



Dear Toronto,

Our Village, my Village, has suffered because of high rents, but it is still the gay mecca. It has excellent restaurants and bars, like Woody's that's been on Church St. forever.

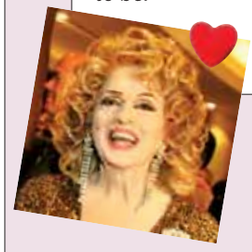
I'm still the official Miss Statler, ha! I still love my Village.

I live alone, but when I walk out everybody I meet says hello, so that means I'm not alone!

I thought of moving to Vancouver at one time, but no!

Toronto is my home, my roots. A city of multicultural people, where you're free to be who you are and what you want to be.

Michelle DuBarry



Dear Toronto,

Toronto, you have been amazing to us, and we only hope that we give you the same right back. Our Raptors are red, our Maple Leafs are blue, all we want is a team that plays with heart, the same heart we give to you.

With love, Rob Ford

Dear Toronto,

Geographically, culturally, linguistically, our city is diverse. So are a lot of other places. What makes Toronto special is that the way people want to live is diverse too, and everyone else is just fine with it.

Toronto is a city where you can find what you love, do what you love and never have to justify yourself — and that's why I love Toronto.

Taylor Scollon, Line 6 founder, young man about town

Dear Toronto,

This is my third year in Toronto and every year gets better. I loooove Toronto because it is a multicultural city and I find that Toronto is a very different and unique place to live. It is filled with friendly, cheerful people from new friends to people in the community; someone is always ready to give you a smile. By the way, I love Toronto's food, especially poutine and Timbits mmh!!

Your friend, Amina Danlami

Dear Toronto,

I love how curious and engaged Torontonians are. They keep libraries busy, both in branches and online — it's no coincidence that we're one of the busiest library systems in the world.

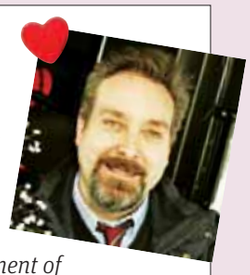
Vickery Bowles, chief librarian at Toronto Public Library

Dear Toronto,

Toronto, you're also beautiful because of the incredible people who make up the fabric of our city. Their joy in picking up their kids from daycare or school. Their strength to work two (or three) jobs, long into the night. The excitement of teenagers going to and from THAT show at the Sound Academy or the ACC. The relief of finally going home after a long day, or a long flight from either airport. The newcomers in Thorncliffe Park, so happy to just be here. The kindness we show to each other, which never gets reported.

Every day is something new and something wonderful. Thank you Toronto for showing me all this, from the windows and doors of my bus.

Neil Hermes, TTC bus driver



Dear Toronto,

I love you in the morning. I love you at night. I even love you in the winter. So strong is my love it even overcomes that!

People say you're not beautiful. I say beauty is in the eye of the beholder. To me you're beautiful. Maybe even hot! The Islands. The Beach. The ravines. OCAD. Corktown Commons. The Bluffs. Humber Bay. I could stare at you forever.

Mayor John Tory

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Hugs for Muslim man goes viral

Online video.
Moment created for social experiment gets nearly 1 million views, made headlines in U.K., New Zealand

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A Toronto video featuring a young Muslim man asking for hugs from strangers at Dundas and Yonge has gone viral.

Created to fight the stereotype around Muslims and terrorism, the video features a man standing blindfolded next to signs that read: "I am a Muslim. I am labeled as a terrorist" and "I trust you. Do you trust me? Give me a hug."

And dozens of people do.

The video — filmed by Toronto filmmaking group Time Vision — has made headlines across the U.K. and as far away as New Zealand, and has had more than 991,917 views since being posted Jan. 31.

"I was really touched," said one of the videos creators, Ottawa-based activist AsoOmil Jay.

The video was never intended to go viral, she said. It was more of a social experiment. The hugs were a refreshing change from some of the hate she's received for being Muslim, Jay added.

"What brought me to tears was seeing a man from across the street stop traffic, get out of his car, and run all the way across the street, just to hug him," she said.

Mustafa Mawla — the man blindfolded in the video and accepting that hug — called the experience "enlightening".

"What the blindfold represented for me is that the strangers were just that, strangers. I didn't know their ethnicity or their religion, where they came from. It was just human being to another human being."

Mustafa Mawla, 20, from Scarborough, accepted hugs from dozens of strangers in an effort to raise awareness about stereotypes of Muslims. COURTESY OF TIME VISION

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All the world's your stage, young ones

Actor Colm Feore leads a workshop on Shakespearian acting for Toronto high school students at Danforth Collegiate. In addition to various stage roles, Feore has appeared in a number of Hollywood movies, playing the King of the Frost Giants in Thor and the crooked police chief in 2008's Changeling. Thursday's workshop was organized by non-profit organization Shakespearience, which brings in professional actors to teach students. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mom's vaccination plea hitting home

Health. Pickering woman has received thousands of messages of support since writing on Facebook about her baby's measles scare

Quoted

"I'm not a journalist, I have no angle. I'm not a pharma-shill.... I'm a concerned mother who wants the best for my child." Jennifer White

Jennifer White's painful family story is convincing hundreds of vaccine-hesitant parents around the world to rethink their actions.

On Tuesday, White wrote a Facebook post about her newborn baby's possible exposure to measles in a Markham doctor's office waiting room in late January. In it, she slammed anti-vaxxers and their refusal to protect their children, and hers.

White also spoke about the loss of her five-year-old daughter, Olivia, who died in her sleep on Boxing Day 2012.

The post was shared more than 265,000 times as of Thursday at noon.

"My hope behind my post, was that it might change one person's mind (to vaccinate their child)," White said on Thursday. "If just one person did that, I would be happy."

She's now received hundreds of messages saying just that — she changed their minds.

"(The) messages are saying that you've really made me think about this issue and this issue in my family and I've decided to vaccinate," she said.

White, 37, of Pickering, Ont., said she is humbled and overwhelmed by the thousands of messages of support she's received since Tuesday.

She's received feedback from around the world, including Germany, the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

White won't know for sure until Tuesday — the end of the 21-day incubation period following the point of possible exposure — whether or not her one-month-old son Griffin is measles-free, but her doctor told her the odds are good.

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Laura Liscio FACEBOOK.COM

Lawyer arrested at courthouse

Still wearing her black Ontario Superior Court gown, a Toronto lawyer was arrested inside a Brampton courthouse Thursday, led out in handcuffs, then charged in connection to a drug-trafficking investigation.

Laura Liscio, a 32-year-old respected criminal lawyer, faces multiple drug charges after Peel Regional Police allege she "smuggled" drugs into the courthouse.

According to a source familiar with the case, the charges come after marijuana was found in clothing provided to an inmate scheduled to appear before a judge. Prior to her arrest, Liscio was representing Brampton man Jahrell Lungs, who is facing several weapons offences.

"Miss Liscio is an extremely hard-working, ethical, brilliant young lawyer," said her lawyer Stephen Bernstein. "The key issue is she's charged with is something she would or could not do."

Bernstein said she is "devastated" by what has happened but confident she will be exonerated. He said the way she was removed from the court in robes was ridiculous and should not be countenanced. "We are going to show how wrong this was." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ford file snoops remain a mystery

Rob Ford. Hospitals involved in health records privacy breach swear by their accountability, transparency

Quoted

"What's so important about my health records? People know I have cancer, but beside that there's nothing. I don't know, they're going to see that I weigh a lot, I've got blond hair."

Rob Ford, city councillor for Ward 2

The three hospitals caught up in the Rob Ford privacy breach saga boast they are "transparent and accountable," but they are refusing to disclose how many staff members snooped into his records or how they were disciplined.

They claim that information cannot be released for privacy reasons.

On Wednesday, it was revealed that staff at a third hospital breached Ford's privacy, inappropriately snooping into his records at University Health Network's Princess Margaret Cancer Centre last week.

Two previous breaches — at Humber River and Mount Sinai hospitals — were reported last year, after Ford received his cancer diagnosis and pulled out of the mayoral race.

Michael Crystal, a lawyer currently representing thousands of patients in five major privacy class-actions against Ontario hospitals, said unlawful and intentional access to medical records is on the rise in Canada.

Hospitals are obliged to notify affected patients of privacy breaches, but Crystal said the amount of information disclosed often differs from hospital to hospital.

Similarly, the amount of information hospitals decide to release publicly also varies.

When asked how refusing to disclose information about privacy breaches aligned with the hospital's transparent culture, UHN spokeswoman Gillian Howard said matters of individual employment are protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

"It is our policy to keep individual matters of employment between UHN and any single employee."

The network discloses breaches of privacy to the affected patients and provides quarterly reports on violations to the privacy commissioner, Howard said.

Mount Sinai spokeswoman Sally Szuster said the hospital would not discuss details of an individual privacy breach publicly, because the information was for the patient to disclose.

The hospital provides general information on privacy breaches only when they do not relate to specific patients, she said.

Humber River Regional Hospital spokesman Gerard Power said information regarding disciplinary matters was confidential.

Speaking to Newstalk 1010 host John Moore on Thursday morning, Ford said he was puzzled by the motivations of the snooping hospital workers.

"What's so important about my health records? People know I have cancer, but beside that there's nothing. I don't know, they're going to see that I weigh a lot, I've got blond hair, they want my blood type, all that stuff I have no problem telling people," he said.

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City hall

Tory proposes shortfall solution

Mayor John Tory has presented another solution to plug an $86-million hole in Toronto's budget and to cover future shortfalls.

Tory and senior officials argue that this is the best fix, a strategy that involves borrowing internally — a move rarely attempted by the city and not tried at all since amalgamation.

Instead of borrowing from the province or a bank, the city will essentially borrow money from itself, to be paid back over six years.

But Councillor Gord Perks called it a "really high-risk approach," arguing the city should raise property taxes now to avoid even higher tax increases later. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Prison security. Etobicoke superjail goes on lockdown

The Toronto South Detention Centre was on lockdown Thursday after a week of violent incidents and security concerns, including an inmate suicide and the discovery that a set of jail master keys are missing.

An official with the union that represents jail workers confirmed that an inmate died in hospital after hanging himself in his cell earlier this week.

The police, the Correctional Services ministry and the Ontario coroner's office are investigating.

The union said this is the first death at the brand-new Etobicoke superjail, which has been plagued by problems since it opened a year ago.

"The staff I talk to are not happy with the way it's being run. Some have referred to it as a death trap," said Monte Vieselmeyer, the corrections division chair for the Ontario Public Service Employees Union.

"(The jail) is currently in lockdown while a security search is performed," ministry spokesman Jonathan Rose confirmed in an email.

The lockdown order has been in place since Tuesday. A source who spoke on condition of anonymity said correctional workers are searching individual cells for a set of master keys to various doors across the jail that have gone missing from a sergeant's office.

The 1,650-bed Toronto South Detention Centre, which is currently at less than half capacity, holds accused individuals awaiting trial and inmates serving sentences of less than two years.

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Pearson's media tea party backfired

Lester B. Pearson was so delighted by his pick for a potential new Canadian flag that the Liberal prime minister summoned some journalists to 24 Sussex Drive in the summer of 1964 to show it off.

About a dozen reporters were invited to enjoy a cup of tea with Pearson at 24 Sussex in July '64 and watch him unfurl his choice for the new flag, dubbed the Pearson Pennant.

As the reporters left, however, Pearson told them any stories about his pick for the design would have to be attributed to a "reliable source."

This flag design was Lester B. Pearson's favourite. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto Star Weekly reporter Walter Stewart, a relative newcomer to the press gallery, balked, uncomfortable with the idea of writing a positive story about Pearson's flag design without naming the source.

He subsequently identified Pearson as the source, infuriating the prime minister to such an extent that instructions were issued to staff to deny Stewart any information in the future. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A Canadian flag flies in the wind at Granville Island in Vancouver, B.C. Sunday marks 50 years since the now-beloved Maple Leaf flag was adopted.
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Flag caused bitter battle

50th birthday. Canada prepares to celebrate now-beloved Maple Leaf flag this Sunday

When Lester B. Pearson unveiled his top pick for a new Canadian flag at a Winnipeg legion hall in July 1964, he was met with boos, hisses and heckling from veterans who accused him of selling out Canada to the "pea soupers."

The Liberal prime minister had campaigned a year earlier on replacing the Red Ensign — the country's unofficial flag that paired Canada's coat of arms and the Union Jack — with a uniquely Canadian emblem as the 1967 centennial approached.

As Canada prepares to celebrate its now-beloved flag's 50th birthday on Sunday, the national brawl that erupted as Pearson forged ahead with his plans is a distant memory.

Conservative Sen. Marjory LeBreton, who worked in opposition leader John Diefenbaker's office, said in a recent interview that Canada's military veterans had fought under the Red Ensign in two world wars — one of which had only ended 20 years earlier.

Nonetheless, young Canadians argued with their parents about the need for a new flag; one would-be designer even submitted a flag proposal festooned with John, Paul, George and Ringo as Beatlemania gripped North America.

Some English-Canadians, meantime, accused French-Canadians — the aforementioned "pea soupers" — of being behind the push to cut Canada's ties to Great Britain even as one Quebec MP, Pierre Trudeau, sniffed that Quebecers didn't give a "tinker's damn" about a new flag.

Just a few months after Pearson's PR disaster in Winnipeg, however, he managed to convince a majority of parliamentarians — including Conservatives — to vote in favour of the red Maple Leaf chosen by his flag selection committee as the new official emblem.

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How to handle a flag

While there are no laws dictating how to fly or use the Canadian flag, protocols have developed over the years. Here are some guidelines about the Maple Leaf from Canadian Heritage:

1. The flag should "be displayed only in a manner befitting this important national symbol; it should not be subjected to indignity or displayed in a position inferior to any other flag."

2. It should not be used as a table cloth or seat cover.

3. The flag should not touch the ground.

4. "When the national flag of Canada is raised or lowered, or when it is carried past in a parade or review, all present should face the flag."

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‘A step in the right direction’ for jailed Canadian journalist

Egypt. A judge ordered Mohamed Fahmy released on bail pending a retrial on terror-related charges

Al Jazeera journalist, Canadian-Egyptian Mohamed Fahmy, left, arrives at court in Cairo for his retrial on Thursday. Fahmy and a colleague were ordered released on bail pending their retrial. GETTY IMAGES

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says the federal government will continue to press for the release of Canadian journalist Mohamed Fahmy and he is optimistic the case will be resolved.

Fahmy, a Canadian journalist who has spent more than a year in a Cairo prison, was ordered released on bail by an Egyptian court on Thursday pending a retrial on terror-related charges.

His case returns to court on Feb. 23.

Fahmy’s supporters have been critical of Harper’s involvement, imploring him to intervene directly in Fahmy’s case with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi.

Asked Thursday whether he’d spoken directly to el-Sissi, Harper wouldn’t say so directly, but did suggest he’d been in touch with his Egyptian counterpart.

“Our government has for sometime now has been in contact with Egyptian authorities at all levels, including my level,” Harper said.

The unexpected development prompted expressions of jubilation from Fahmy’s family, although the 40-year-old’s legal battles aren’t quite over yet.

“We’re extremely happy because it’s unbelievable to have your brother back after 14 months, especially with such injustice and all the pain he’s endured,” said Fahmy’s brother, Adel Fahmy. “We still want full exoneration, if not, then deportation, and we still want Canada to pressure hard, but it was a step in the right direction.”

Fahmy was the only defendant who was ordered to pay an amount equivalent to about $41,000 for his release on bail, as he was considered a flight risk.

His family paid that amount within hours of the court hearing but were told it would take until Saturday for paperwork to be processed for Fahmy to leave prison. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

“We still feel that the Canadian government is not applying the sufficient pressure.”

Adel Fahmy, Mohamed Fahmy’s brother

Media

Sun News to shut network down for good on Friday

Sun News Network is about to sign off, permanently. CBC News has learned that the cable news television channel will shut down early tomorrow.

The network began broadcasting in 2011, launching a right-of-centre programming schedule. Almost 200 people are employed at Sun News.

CBC NEWS

Citizenship ceremonies

Harper vows to fight court order lifting veil ban

Vowing to appeal a federal court decision that allows citizenship candidates to wear face coverings at swearing-in ceremonies, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says it’s “offensive” that persons would want to hide their identity “at the very moment where they are committing to join the Canadian family.”

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Doctors hopeful second twin girl will find liver donor soon

Several potential organ donors are undergoing tests at a Toronto hospital and doctors say they are hopeful they will soon find a match for a little girl who needs a new liver to survive.

Three-year-old Phuoc Wagner, who has Alagille syndrome, a genetic disorder that affects vital organs, received a part of her father’s liver Tuesday, but her twin sister Binh, who suffers from the same condition, is still waiting for a donor.

Dr. Gary Levy, who runs the liver donor program at the Toronto General Hospital, said Phuoc and her father, Michael Wagner, are “recovering well” following the surgeries.

He said more than 400 potential donors have come forward since the Kingston, Ont., family made a public plea last month and he hopes a donor match for Binh is close.

“We anticipate that within the next short while, seven to 14 days, we will define several individuals who can step forward to be the donor for Binh,” Levy said.

Phuoc remains in hospital and really wants a hug from her mother, the girls’ mother, Johanne Wagner, said at a new conference Thursday.

She called her husband, Michael Wagner, her “hero” for giving part of his liver to Phuoc.

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New peace deal for Ukraine

Negotiations.
Ceasefire effective starting 5 p.m. EST Saturday with special status for rebel regions

Guns will fall silent, heavy weapons will pull back from the front and Ukraine will trade a broad autonomy for the east for control of the Russian border by the end of the year under a peace deal hammered out Thursday in all-night negotiations between Russia, Ukraine, France and Germany.

The deal was full of potential pitfalls, however, that could derail its implementation. In announcing the plan, Russia and Ukraine disagreed over what exactly they had agreed to in marathon 16-hour talks, including the status of a key town under rebel siege.

Russian President Vladimir Putin told reporters that the agreement envisages a ceasefire that will be effective starting from the start of the day Sunday (2200 GMT or 5 p.m. EST Saturday) as well as a special status for the rebel regions, provisions on border controls and humanitarian issues.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said there was no agreement on any autonomy or federalization for eastern Ukraine, a longtime demand of Russia to maintain leverage over its neighbour and prevent it from ever joining NATO.

The deal, however, requires the Ukrainian parliament to give wide powers to the eastern regions as a condition for restoring Ukraine's full control over the border — a provision that would be certain to trigger heated political debate in Ukraine.

Quoted

"We now have a glimmer of hope."
German Chancellor Angela Merkel

Fighting

More than 5,300 people have died since April in the fighting, which continued to rage Thursday even as the four leaders were engaged in talks.

The agreement is a complex compromise that allows both Russia and Ukraine to claim victory, but it's full of potential pitfalls that may derail its implementation. Uncertainty remained even regarding the declared ceasefire, as Putin admitted that he and Poroshenko disagreed on assessing the situation in a key flashpoint, the government-held town of Debaltseve.

"We now have a glimmer of hope," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who brokered the talks in the Belarusian capital together with French President Francois Hollande. "But the concrete steps of course have to be taken, and we will still face major obstacles. But on balance I can say that what we have achieved gives significantly more hope than if we had achieved nothing. So one can say that this initiative was worth it."

The deal envisages a buffer zone to be created by pulling back the heavy artillery and rocket systems from 50 to 140 kilometres away from the frontline, depending on their calibre. The withdrawal should begin no later than the second day after the ceasefire becomes effective and be completed within two weeks.

In a win for Ukraine, the rebel regions, which held their own elections last fall that Ukraine and the West declared a sham, are obliged to hold a new local vote under Ukrainian law.

But in a key concession to Russia, the deal says the restoration of Ukrainian control over the border with Russia in rebel-controlled areas could be completed only by the end of 2015 on condition that Ukraine conducts a constitutional reform granting wide powers to the eastern regions, including the right to form their own police force and trade freely with Russia.

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Women mourn three shot dead over parking spaces

Female mourners gather for the funerals of Deah Shaddy Barakat, 23; his 21-year-old wife of less than two months, Yusor Mohammad Abu-Salha, and her 19-year-old sister, Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha, at the Method Road Soccer Complex Thursday, on the North Carolina State campus in Raleigh, N.C. The three were shot to death Tuesday, in what police described as a long-standing argument over parking spaces at the condominium complex where Barakat had lived for more than a year. COREY LOWENSTEIN/THE NEWS & OBSERVER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MOTIVATED AND INSPIRED STAFF KEY TO TTC IMPROVEMENTS

ANDY BYFORD
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When the TTC launched its Five-Year Corporate Plan in 2013 to modernize the TTC, I said at the time that the biggest challenge would be to transform our corporate culture to be universally customer-led, engaged and welcoming.

While the other big ticket items in our plan are themselves complex – such as the introduction of new streetcars, the roll out of a smartcard or the re-signalling a line – these can seem comparatively straightforward compared to encouraging everyone in a big, traditional operation like the TTC to look, behave and think differently.

We have many fantastic people at this company, many of whom have already been featured on these pages. TTC staff work very hard, day in and day out, to move ever-rising numbers of customers on an aging network, and one that has suffered from under-investment over recent decades.

But I strongly believe that culture change is not a question of funding. It can only be achieved by good management that inspires and motivates front line staff to do a great job because they know why it matters to offer consistently excellent customer service.

For that reason, we are putting a lot of effort and energy into empowering staff at the local level to be able to offer better customer service. It's why we have added more staff at subway stations and in our Customer Service Centre. It's also why we are asking staff to "think like a customer" and put themselves in the customer's shoes, especially when things go wrong. This means giving prompt and useful updates when the service is delayed, addressing customers' issues quickly wherever possible and going the extra mile for customers that are in need of extra help.

Mayor John Tory's recent announcement of a record increase in funding to restore previous service cuts and to add new service is, I believe, a vote of confidence in the TTC and it suggests that City Hall decision-makers feel that the TTC is on the right track in the improvements that we are making.

We need to show that we are worthy of that investment and in the faith that has been put in us by the mayor. To that end, my team is working up the fine detail of the improved services that we will introduce if, as I fervently hope, we win City Council approval for increased subsidy in just a few weeks' time.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Name: Jason Brunaccioni **Position:** Buyer - Materials and Procurement **Years of Service:** 9

Name: Carolyn Ramlal **Position:** Senior Clerk - Plant Maintenance **Years of Service:** 8

Jason works for the Materials and Procurement Department. Carolyn works for the Plant Maintenance Department. They met at a TTC function and have been together ever since. Now married with a son, Leonardo. They both can't wait to contribute to the successful modernization of Toronto's transit system.

Weekly Customer Service Report

Week ending February 11, 2015

	Actual %	Target %
Subway – Deliver a punctual service	97%	97%
Bus – Deliver reliable headway	63%	65%
Streetcar – Deliver reliable headway	62%	70%

CUSTOMER COMPLIMENTS

Every day we receive positive feedback about the service we work hard to provide. Here'some recent compliments we've received:

- @TTChelps Currently on the bathurst 511 streetcar number 4096. Just wanted to let you know that this driver is awesome! It's rush hour and it's crowded and he just has a really great attitude. Just his positivity made my day a little bit better
- @TTChelps kudos to the nice #26 bus driver :) very nice lady! I'm newish to T.O. And she made me feel welcome :)
- Bus driver on route 52 is hilarious. Bus #1585 Hire people like him and y'all will be set #ttc #winning
- Thank you TTC lost articles and the good people of Toronto for the safe return of my purse with everything in it! @TTChelps - also shout-out to the people who work the lost articles office - that is a tough job!
- I would like to compliment the cleaning staff of Wellesley subway station. The station is impeccable in the evenings as the staff are dedicated in cleaning main floor and platforms. I always see the same staff who are so hard-working - you can see the difference.

WEEKEND LINE 1 CLOSURE – UNION TO ST ANDREW

This Family Day long weekend, from Saturday, Feb. 14 to Monday, Feb. 16, there will be no service between Union and St Andrew stations on Line 1 due to Union Station platform upgrades. Work includes installation of a new elevator, escalators and an art wall. Another closure will be required on February 28-March 1. Customers requiring direct access to Union Station can travel south on Line 1. There will be no access from Union Station to the PATH during the weekend closure.

A temporary lift has been installed at Union Station while the new elevator is under construction to provide an accessible connection from the platform to the concourse. A Wheel-Trans vehicle will also be available for customers travelling between Union and St Andrew stations. Customers can speak with any uniformed TTC employee at either station to make use of this service. Regular subway service will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6 a.m.

ASK TTC

Dear TTC,

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Eliz

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VOICES

DON'T WORRY, COUPLES HAVE LAME VALENTINE'S DAYS, TOO

THE KOHLER REPORT
By Rebecca Kohler

Are you going to be alone for Valentine's Day? Stop crying! You have options. One avenue is to book yourself a ticket to Portland, Ore., like, right now, and get yourself to Cuddle Con: The Cuddle Convention! The other is to count your blessings for being single and avoiding what will probably be a disappointment for 75 per cent of the coupled population. Those couples will receive stale chocolates or sit through awkward conversationless dinners for two — if they actually do anything at all.

First let's talk about this cuddling convention. Held at the Bossanova Ballroom in Portland, and costing $25 a ticket, Cuddle Con is a 12-hour event featuring a vast array of cuddle-related activities: Consent 101, "a crash course on Cuddle Con's culture of consent," Poetry For Passion Competition, dance classes, AcroYoga lessons and, finally, a 2.5-hour group snuggle that will be followed by a Valentine's Day Dance. Maybe you can dance with your co-cuddler? Sound fun?

OK, you're still crying. Maybe the idea of paying someone to cuddle you is depressing. Or maybe cuddling with a stranger comes with an ick factor (it does for me: I'm a germophobe and it's measles season)! But the good news is that Cuddle Con's very existence is proof you are not alone in being alone. In fact, cuddling companies have been popping up all over the place — there's one in Vancouver, Montreal and rumour has it, others are on their way to Toronto and Edmonton.

People don't open businesses to sell things that other people don't need. Is there a store, for instance, that sells a kick in the teeth? No. People need hugs, so you are not alone.

It's not surprising that Cuddle-Con is on V-Day, as that's a day when a lot of people become uncomfortably aware that they have no one to hug. But if you're feeling "uncomfortably aware" of anything, again, I promise you, you're not alone.

Valentine's Day puts a spotlight on everyone's love life. Sure, it makes a single person wonder things like, "Why am I alone? Is something wrong with me? Who will fix my sink?" etc. But the spotlight doesn't discriminate. Try being in a mediocre relationship on the 14th. It's like this giant pale, sickly heart comes into your house to remind you it's dying.

It wasn't until my early 20s that I finally had a boyfriend on the big day. I was so excited. I pictured one of those heart-shaped boxes of chocolate and a card that said things like "I love you." Instead, my boyfriend showed up an hour late with a wilted rose and proceeded to complain for the rest of the night about how expensive it was,

Don't be jealous

My boyfriend showed up an hour late with a wilted rose and proceeded to complain for the rest of the night about how expensive it was.

"Ten bucks for a rose? WTF?"

I don't think I've ever received a Valentine's Day present that really hit the love spot. I once received an egg poacher (?). I had mixed feelings upon being gifted a cigarette case; I mean, yeah, I smoked at the time, so I guess it was thoughtful but it kind of felt like, "Here's a cigarette case. I love you, but I also hope you die one day."

I think the day died for me in 2010. I was leaving for an overnight trip on the morning of February 14th and my boyfriend gave me a card and said, "Don't open it until you're on the train." I took this to mean it was meaty, or at least that I'd enjoy it.

So I waited diligently and as the train pulled out of the station, I opened the card and all it said was, "I hope you have a nice day." Wow. No "love." No "so glad I met you." Not even an "xo." I proceeded to have the worst day.

To my surprise that man was not super-committed to like, our relationship, and I spent Valentine's Day fixing and re-fixing my tear-smudged makeup.

I have a pretty nice boyfriend now. We both think V-Day is kind of dumb, and Valentine's Day is easier now that we keep expectations low. We'll probably just exchange cards and luckily, this one knows how to write more than one sentence. Will we cuddle? Maybe a little. But we might also get into a fight about who left the space heater on overnight and spend the rest of the day being passive aggressive with each other because that's what relationships are all about. That and love.

If you're single and you go to Cuddle Con, you might get more hugs than me on the 14th. If you don't, you might stay in, under a blanket, eating delicious snacks, binge-watching your favourite show on Netflix. That would be a way nicer day than my Valentine's 2009. Trust me.

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter at @becca_kohler

Happy face/Sad face

From Jon Stewart's departure to Kanye West's outburst, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:

SAY IT AIN'T SO

Fans of late-night news satire, still mourning the recent end of The Colbert Report, are reeling this week from the announcement that Jon Stewart will be leaving The Daily Show. The comedy legend has been hosting the show — and putting Fox News pundits in their place — for 16 years.

MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T PLAY POKER WITH YOUR DOG

File under pet owners already know this: A new study says that dogs are able to tell the difference between happy and angry human facial expressions. Various breeds were trained to touch either a happy face or a sad face for a treat.

A GHASTLY MISTAKE

A Romanian diplomat's secret spreadsheet describing guests at an upcoming dinner party as "undesirable" and "ghastly," was accidentally mailed out with the invitations. Recognizing that no amount of diplomacy was going to fix this one, the Foreign Ministry fired him.

HEARTBEATS

Just in time for Valentines Day, researchers at Simon Fraser University say they've created beating heart cells made from skin and blood tissue. The researchers hope the discovery could eventually be used to replace dead or damaged heart tissue in heart attack patients.

OH YEEZUS...

Hey, Kanye, I'm-a say something. Yes, the Grammys, much like other social institutions, have institutionalized racism. Yes, when white hip-hop artists who are literally pale imitations of their more talented black counterparts are heralded as the best the genre has to offer, racism probably has something to do with it. But your fight is not with Beck, who, much like yourself and Beyoncé, is very skilled. Much respect to all the musical artists out there doing their thing.

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The danger of super-sexy roles

Analysis. Landing the lead in 50 Shades of Grey could make or break the career of Dakota Johnson — just ask Elizabeth Berkley

Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan star in 50 Shades of Grey. CONTRIBUTED

Jennifer Lawrence once showed me a cellphone snap of herself dressed in a fierce black leather outfit.

She was hot off the success of her Oscar-nominated work in Winter's Bone and used the photo as part of her audition for a role that every actress of a certain age in Hollywood clamoured for in 2010.

She didn't get the part of Lisbeth Salander, the pierced and inked computer hacker star of David Fincher's remake of The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo — the producers thought she was too tall. In the end, Rooney Mara got it, but not before auditioning five times and beating out better-known hopefuls like Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johansson and Anne Hathaway.

Girl with the Dragon Tattoo was 2011's big literary adaptation, ripe with star-making possibilities and lucrative franchise potential. It didn't pan out that way, but Hollywood hasn't given up on bringing bestsellers to the screen.

This week there are high hopes for Fifty Shades of Grey. Calling the story of college graduate Anastasia Steele and BDSM enthusiast Christian Grey a "literary" adaptation might be a stretch, but with 100 million books sold (including parts two and three) there are great expectations.

So, actors should be crawling over one another to star in the film, right? Think again. Unlike Dragon Tattoo, young Hollywood ingenues have not been whipping themselves into a frenzy over Fifty Shades.

Shailene Woodley had no qualms about performing the film's explicit bondage scenes, but was already tied up making the Divergent movies.

Emma Watson did have qualms. "Who here actually thinks I would do Fifty Shades of Grey as a movie?" she wrote on Twitter.

In the end, Dakota Johnson, better known as the daughter of Don Johnson and Melanie Griffith than for her work on the cancelled sitcom Ben and Kate, won the role. While it might make her a star, there are dangers involved with a project like this. Just ask Elizabeth Berkley.

Berkley was a wholesome teen model and star of the sitcom Saved by the Bell when a role in Paul Verhoeven's 1995 sexploitation flick Showgirls left her career in tatters.

As the untested star who bared her soul and body in a big-budget film, she took the hit for the film's failure.

Almost 20 years later, she was still emotional about the backlash she suffered. After performing an erotic dance on Dancing with the Stars, she tearfully said, "it reconnected me to when I was just a young woman and took a risk creatively and did Showgirls. With that came a lot of doors being slammed in my face."

Will Johnson be the next Berkley?

According to the ticket-selling site Fandango Fifty, Shades of Grey is the fastest selling R-rated title ever, so Dakota may yet be spared a tearful breakdown in Dancing with the Stars in 2035.

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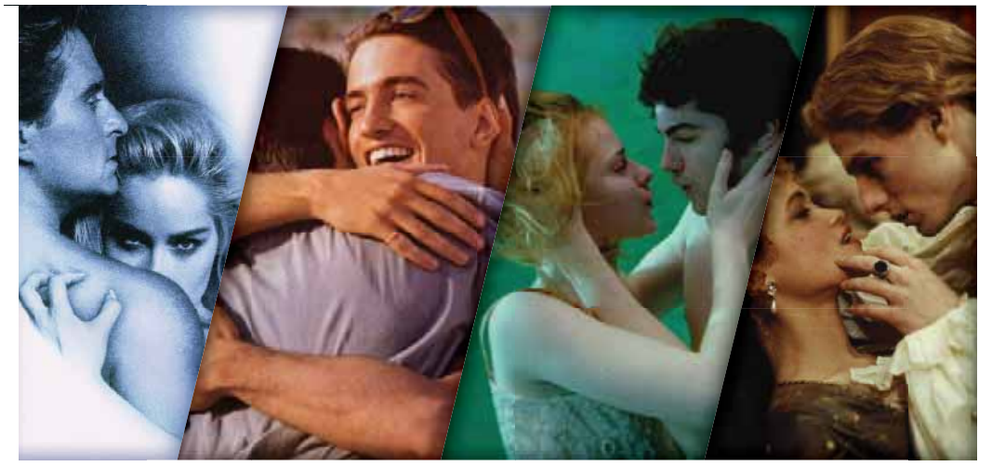

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Mystery & Suspense

Kingsman: The Secret Service

Director. Matthew Vaughn

Stars. Colin Firth, Michael Caine

Based upon the acclaimed comic book and directed by Matthew Vaughn (Kick Ass, X-Men First Class), Kingsman: The Secret Service tells the story of a super-secret spy organization that recruits an unrefined but promising street kid into the agency's ultra-competitive training program just as a global threat emerges from a twisted tech genius.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 77% **Audience:** 88%

Romance

Fifty Shades of Grey

Director. Sam Taylor-Johnson

Stars. Jamie Dornan, Dakota Johnson

E.L. James' kinky bestseller gets the big-screen treatment with this Universal Pictures/Focus Features co-production. The steamy tale details a masochistic relationship between a college student and a businessman, whose desires for extreme intimacy stem from secrets in his past.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 42% **Audience:** + 87%

Drama/Comedy

What We Do In The Shadows

Director. Taika Waititi, Jemaine Clement

Stars. Taika Waititi, Jemaine Clement

What We Do In The Shadows chronicles the adventures of four vampire roommates trying to get by in a modern world that's not always hospitable to the undead. Clement and Waititi, creators of the HBO hit series Flight of the Conchords, co-wrote, co-directed, and co-star in this hilarious send-up.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 92% **Audience:** + 91%

Comedy

The Voices

Director. Marjane Satrapi

Stars. Ryan Reynolds

Jerry is a seemingly normal man trying to succeed in his new job at the Milton Bathtub Factory. He lives in a normal apartment with his dog, Bosco, and his cat, Mr. Whiskers. Yet something seems off. He meets Fiona, an attractive English girl from accounting. Jerry immediately takes a liking to Fiona and goes home to tell his pets about her. And surprisingly, they answer.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 85% **Audience:** + 94%

Comedy

Jupiter Ascending

Director. Andy Wachowski, Lana Wachowski

Stars. Mila Kunis, Channing Tatum

From the streets of Chicago to the far-flung galaxies whirling through space, Jupiter Ascending tells the story of Jupiter Jones (Mila Kunis), who was born under a night sky, with signs predicting she was destined for great things.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 23% **Audience:** 49%

Drama/Musical

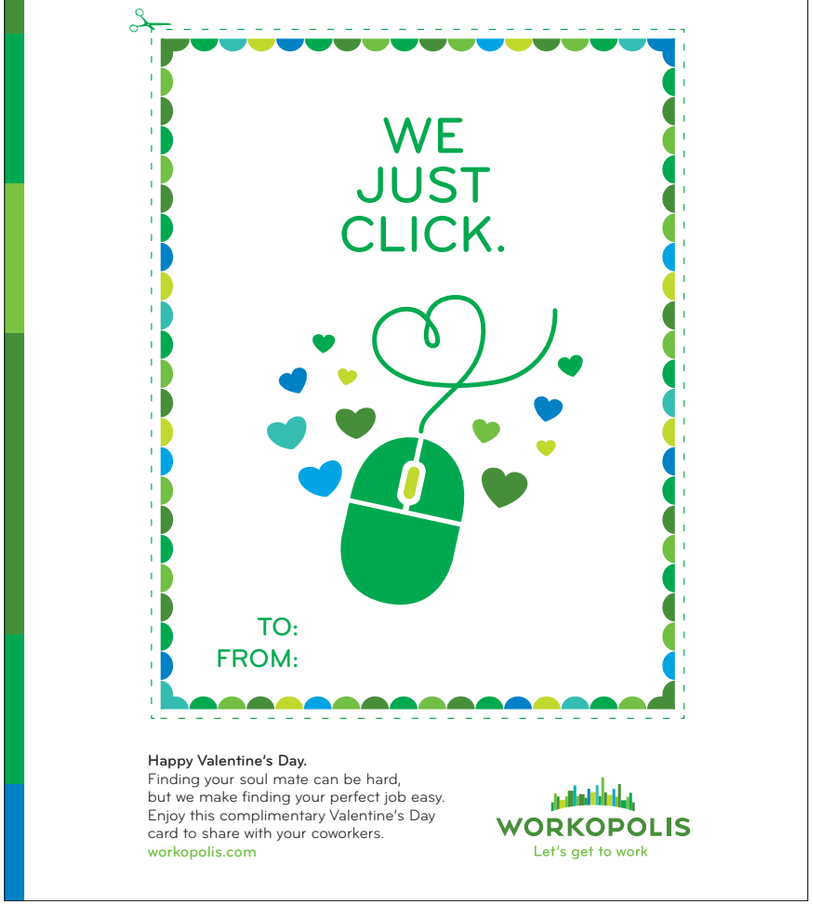
The Last 5 Years

Director. Richard LaGravenese

Stars. Anna Kendrick, Jeremy Jordan

In this adaptation of the hit musical, The Last 5 Years is a musical deconstruction of a love affair and a marriage taking place over a five year period. Jamie (Jordan), a young, talented up-and-coming Jewish novelist falls in love with Cathy (Kendrick), a Shiksa Goddess and struggling actress. Their story is told almost entirely through song.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 65% **Audience:** + 85%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Spectre crew offers behind-the-scenes look at Bond

Film. Breathtaking background teaser released from set of 24th 007 film

Daniel Craig stars once again as action hero James Bond. HANDOUT

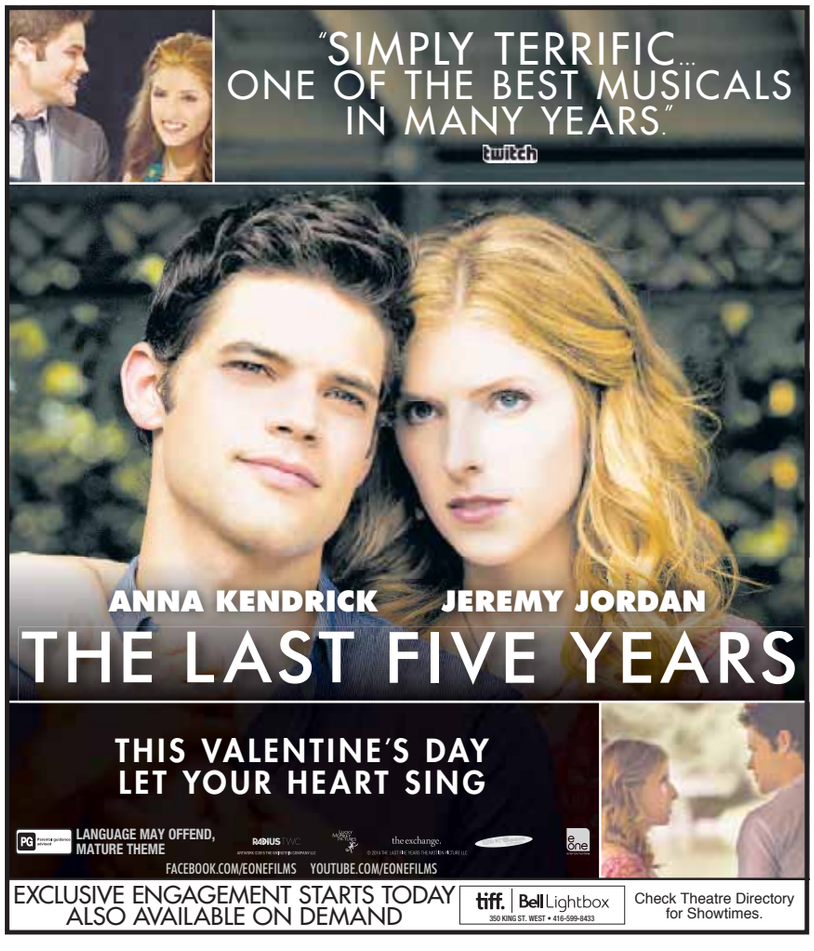
The Sam Mendes and Daniel Craig picture Spectre is currently filming in Europe, and behind-the-scenes footage recently released online reveals aspects of what Associate Producer Gregg Wilson calls "one of the major action sequences of the movie." That particular segment, which takes place high in the Austrian mountains, is "a jewel in the crown" according to Wilson, who commended the region for offering "everything that we needed to pull it off."

Supporting cast members Léa Seydoux and Dave Bautista offer their thoughts on production so far, with production manager Martin Joy weighing in on the challenges of shooting in such remote circumstances.

"There's all the difficulties of going somewhere that's so cut off, coupled with the weather difficulties, the altitude," he says, "but the payoff is stunning scenery and an incredible location."

And for those who want more of a glimpse of how Spectre might eventually turn out, there's a three-second shot of Daniel Craig as Bond involved in the climax of a life-or-death struggle.

That accompanies the first still image of Daniel Craig as Bond of Spectre; a Nov. 6 release beckons for North American and international audience. AFP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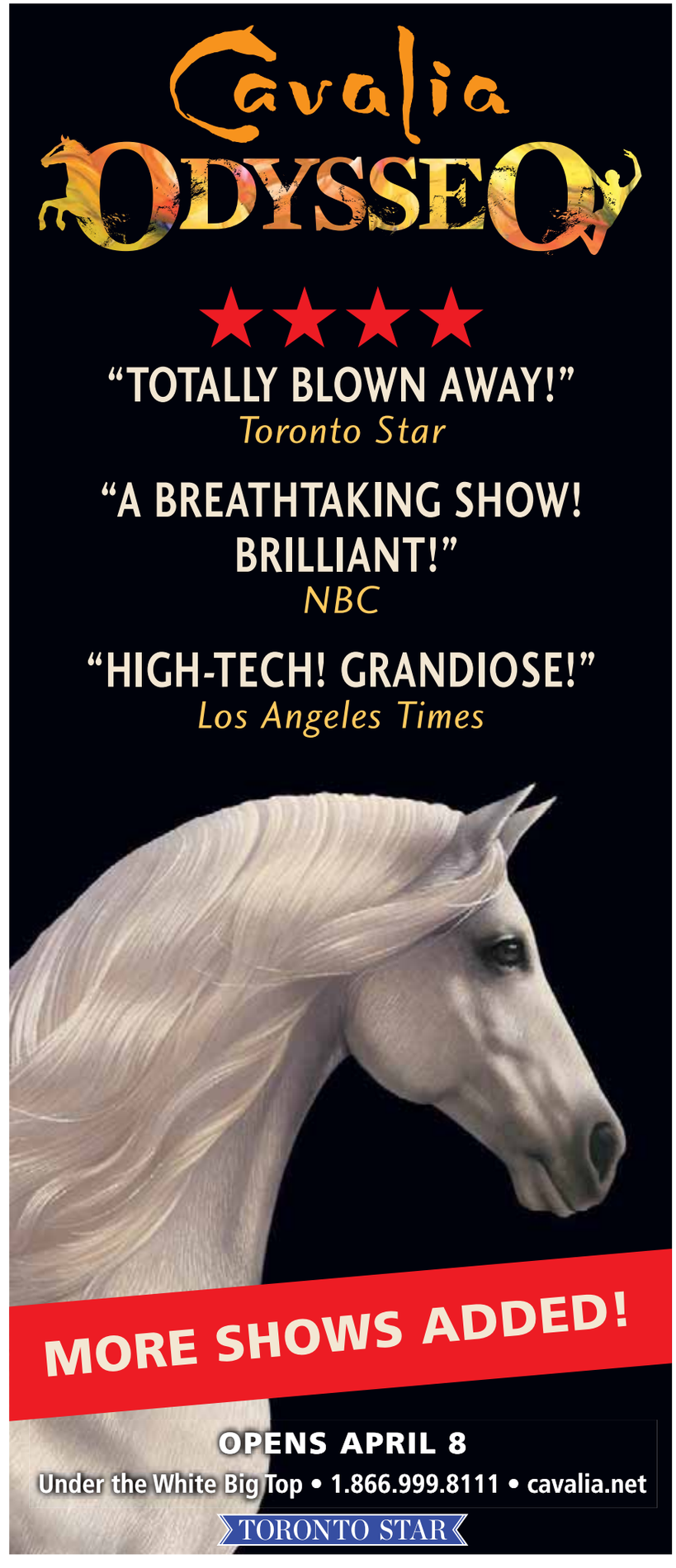

Falling in love with The Last Five Years

Jeremy Jordan
GETTY IMAGES

Dream roles. As an aspiring musical theatre actor, Jeremy Jordan thought this cult work by Jason Robert Brown was the cat's pyjamas; now, he's starring in the film

Like everyone starting out in musical theatre, Jeremy Jordan had a song from The Last Five Years ready to go in his back pocket.

Jordan, the Tony Award-nominated star of Newsies: The Musical and TV's Smash, had fallen in love with the Jason Robert Brown musical when it premiered in 2002 and added one of its tunes to his audition list.

"It was like the bar. It was the apex. It was like the thing you strived for," he recalled. "If you could do justice to a song from The Last Five Years, then you were in good shape as a musical theatre actor."

Now Jordan has upped his game. He's gone from having one of its songs down pat to starring in the first-ever movie adaptation of Brown's cultishly adored song cycle about a young couple's falling in and out of love.

"It was fun because I knew it so well and I felt like I really connected to it when I first heard it and I still connected to it," Jordan said. "I got to share that love and connection with everybody else."

Jordan co-stars alongside Anna Kendrick in the 95-minute film, which has been adapted and directed by Richard LaGravenese and hits theatres and video on demand Friday after making its premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival.

It's the five-year love affair — told almost entirely in song — of aspiring actress Cathy and budding novelist Jamie, one on the rise and the other finding the going frustrating in mid-1990s New York.

Brown structured the story with a twist: Jamie starts at the beginning of the relationship and alternates songs with Cathy as he moves to the crushing end, while Cathy begins at the end and moves in reverse chronological order to the couple's sunny origin.

Quote

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While Brown had been approached about turning the musical into a film for years, no proposal really excited him until he spoke with LaGravenese, the writer and director of Beautiful Creatures and P.S. I Love You.

"I always thought it might make a nice movie, but I never really had a sense of what that movie was supposed to look like or anything like that," said Brown, who has a cameo as an audition pianist. "I'm very proud of it."

LaGravenese added some quirky, surreal touches and dance numbers to the heartbreaking naturalism of Brown's songs, and he made it modern with the use of Skype and cellphones. LaGravenese also pulled the theatrical piece into the world of film by having the young lovers in the same scene, even if only one was singing.

It was filmed over 2 1/2 weeks in New York during the sweltering summer of 2013 and maintained its intimacy by having 90 per cent of it sung live. Prerecording the songs and then lip-synching them for cameras weeks later wasn't an option.

"You write songs about moments that are special, that are particular, that are meaningful and that are impactful. Every moment in the film is one of those moments," said Jordan, who, during the song Moving Too Fast, actually bikes through the city while singing. (The soundtrack is available for download.)

Things got a little more real than the crew bargained for during a lunch break on the last week of filming when a thief opened the unlocked costume truck and made off with most of Jordan's clothes, including four pairs of expensive jeans cut specifically for Jordan.

"I was like, 'What are you going to do with a bunch of dude's clothes that are sized specifically to Jeremy Jordan's butt?'" he said, laughing. "I guess you have to find some very specific clients for that."

The finished film is something that Brown admits is still startling, even though the musical is done hundreds of times across the globe every year. His small, semi-autobiographical story is now on a huge screen, being sung by stars with enormous faces. "That part was an incredible head trip," Brown said, laughing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Anna Kendrick and Jeremy Jordan co-star in The Last Five Years. CONTRIBUTED

Kendrick's singing chops didn't surprise insiders

Musical roles. Anna co-stars in The Last Five Years, but her vocal prowess isn't news to those who've seen Into the Woods or Pitch Perfect

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Ever since Anna Kendrick crooned the catchy single Cups in 2012's sleeper hit Pitch Perfect, she's become Hollywood's hottest rising singing star — subsequently starring in such big-screen musicals as Into the Woods and the upcoming Pitch Perfect 2.

The petite actor's unlikely vocal success may astonish some moviegoers, but it certainly didn't catch filmmaker Richard LaGravenese by surprise.

"We cast her before Pitch came out, so we were really lucky," admitted the director of the indie musical The Last Five Years.

Based on the off-Broadway stage play by Jason Robert Brown, LaGravenese laughs in hindsight that it was a "gamble" to cast Kendrick at the time.

"The deal with Jason was I would pick the actor because I needed actors who would be able to act and then he would tell me if they could sing," reflected LaGravenese with a laugh. "She was the first and only and (she) was perfect."

The film follows the passionate relationship between a struggling New York-based actress (Kendrick) and her quick-rising novelist boyfriend (Jeremy Jordan of TV's Smash) as they manoeuvre the ups, downs and possible demise of their romance.

"(Love stories) are difficult," admitted LaGravenese, who earned his reputation writing such lovesick stories as 2011's Water For Elephants and P.S. I Love You.

"The late (filmmaker) Sydney Pollack once said to me, 'Love stories are great up until they fall in love. Then after that, what do you do?' So my favourite love stories are the ones where people don't wind up together because, to me, relationships are really about finding out who you are."

Out of order

LaGravenese on the film's unusual non-linear narrative:

- "I kind of like the idea that you have to follow the movie emotionally so the chronology isn't as important — it's more like a mosaic. It's more like Scenes of a Marriage with music."

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Novelists who crack the whip on set

E.L. James wasn't willing to let others dominate the Fifty Shades of Grey film. From the start of the development process, reports swirled about the author's request for an unusual amount of creative control over the movie version of her erotic bestseller. But she's not the only writer who's big on creative control. Here are five other authors who have been heavily involved in the film adaptations of their works. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter series

You could say Rowling had a magical contract with Warner Bros. for the film adaptation of her boy wizard series. She not only had a say in principal casting as well as the screenplays, she also had input on where the films were shot and got a producer credit. As Rowling told the Times U.K. in June 2000, she had "a huge amount of influence" in the development process.

J. K. Rowling

Cheryl Strayed, Wild

As Montreal director Jean-Marc Vallée told The Canadian Press, Strayed "became part of the team" while her memoir got the Hollywood treatment. She read various versions of the script and was an unofficial technical adviser as Vallée depicted her soul-seeking journey on the Pacific Crest Trail. Laura Dern, an Oscar nominee for playing Strayed's mother, said she bonded with the author on set and the two have since vacationed together with their families.

Reese Witherspoon and Cheryl Strayed

Suzanne Collins, Hunger Games trilogy; Gillian Flynn, Gone Girl

Collins co-wrote the screenplay for the first film in her dystopian adventure series and earned a producing credit for all three movies to be released so far. Meanwhile, Flynn was the lone screenwriter on the big-screen remake of her psychological thriller, which has earned star Rosamund Pike an Oscar nomination.

Suzanne Collins

Stephen Chbosky, The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Chbosky went a step further than Collins and Flynn, not only writing the screenplay for his film but also directing it. It's perhaps understandable why he'd want to have full control over the adaptation of the hit 1999 coming-of-age novel. After all, the story of a shy and troubled teen who bonds with an eclectic group of seniors in high school is autobiographical.

Stephen Chbosky

Stephenie Meyer, Twilight series

Meyer reportedly had a close relationship with director Catherine Hardwicke during the initial stages of bringing her vampire saga to the screen. Meyer also visited the set, got a producer credit and a cameo in the first film, and was consulted on the story. According to Entertainment Weekly, Meyer was guaranteed "that the film would be true to her vision."

Stephenie Meyer

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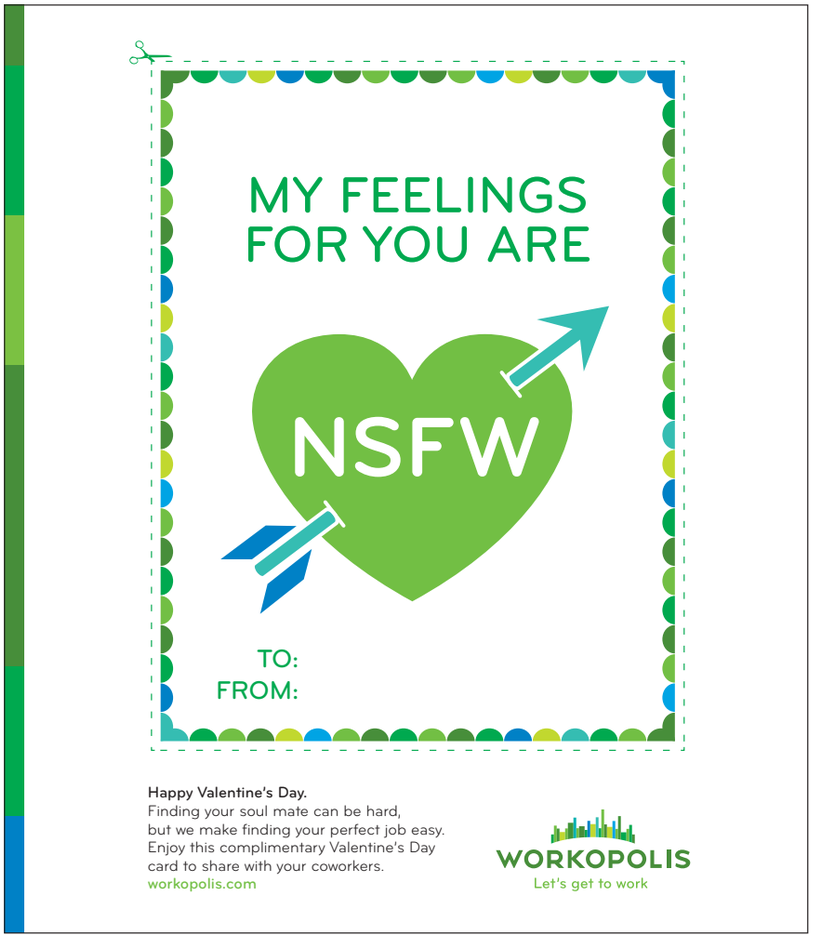
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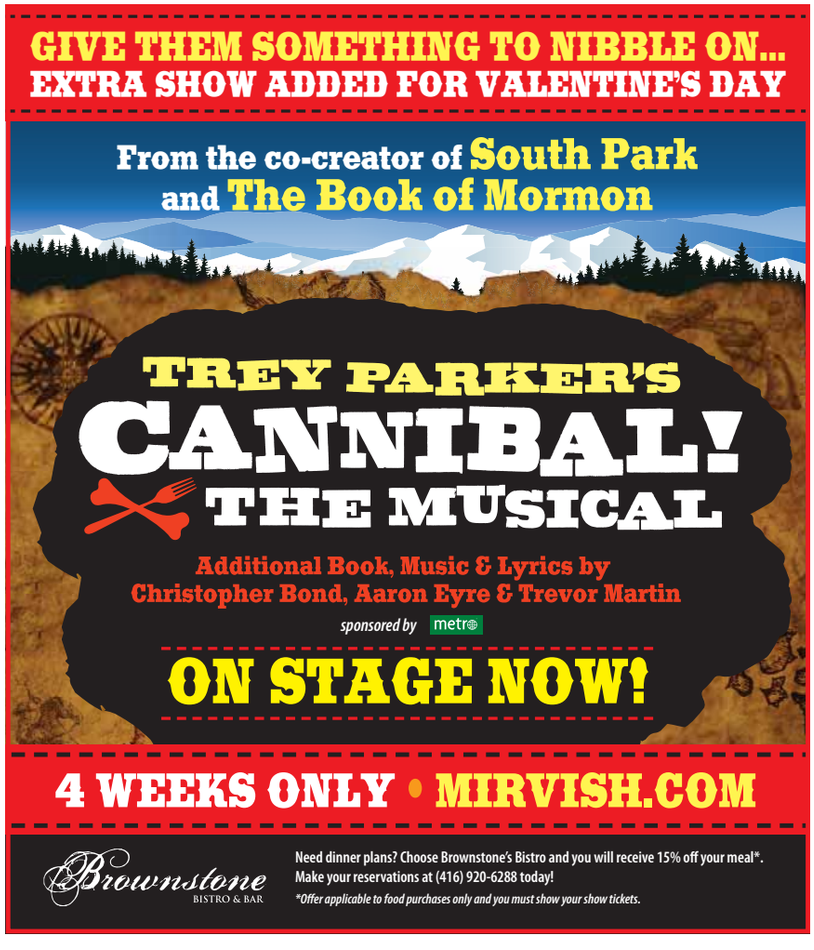
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Will you spend V-Day at Fifty Shades, or run the other way?

Opening night. Moms and other diehard fans hope to bond over the film with their significant others — but some men are tied up elsewhere

Brittany Brown wouldn't miss the opening of the Fifty Shades of Grey movie for anything. She has read and reread all three books, uses the app, follows FSOG role play on Twitter and set her DVR to record trailers for the highly anticipated Valentine's weekend release.

But ditching her boyfriend for her gal gang of superfans was problematic. "Feb. 14 is actually his birthday. He'll go out with his guy friends and I'll see FSOG with my friends. Later that evening we'll all meet up to party. We'll celebrate Valentine's Day on Sunday as a couple," said Brown, a 22-year-old public relations intern in Silver Spring, Md.

Three years in the waiting, the opening of the erotic romance on sweethearts' weekend will be a breathless affair for Fifty diehards everywhere.

Quoted

"It's the most buzzed-about film in the mommy world in a long time."
Fifty Shades fan Lyss Stern

Some will have husbands in tow. Some already have tickets. And those book groups of mommies that helped propel the bondage story to more than 100 million copies sold? They'll be crowding theatres, too.

Lyss Stern in New York will be one of them with 50 friends, including some very expectant ones. "Hopefully nobody will go into labour," she laughed.

Stern, 40, throws mom-centric social events for a living and once feted Fifty writer E.L. James at the height of mania over the books. Come Feb. 13, Stern will be handing out treats to her buddies when they take their seats in a Manhattan theatre. She'll include special sweets and other, er, stuff.

"There will be some fun toys, of course," she promised. "It's the most buzzed-about film in the mommy world in a long time. It's a Sex and the City kind of excitement. We know it's not going to win an Oscar, but we also know it's going to be fun."

In North Hampton, N.H., you can count Lou Altman wholeheartedly, completely voluntarily, in. "My wife and I have been planning this date since the movie was announced," said the 50-year-old head of a satellite communications company. "Any half-smart husband will go see this movie with his wife. There WILL be a payoff."

Oscar Mendizabal, 30, an Internet technology specialist in Los Angeles, is warming up to his Fifty movie date with his wife of nearly 12 years. They'll be joined by her brother and his girlfriend. He's given up on his plan to sneak into American Sniper. "At the end of the day," Mendizabal said, "I'm a sucker for love." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson star in Fifty Shades of Grey. GETTY IMAGES

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Jackman getting back to his Aussie roots in new role

Interview. Actor says using his native accent while filming Chappie was 'great but weird'

It's not that often that Hugh Jackman gets a role speaking in his native Australian, so while working on the upcoming sci-fi thriller Chappie he had to get reacquainted with the dialect.

The 46-year-old Tony Award winner said in an interview earlier this week that using his own accent "was great but weird."

"I had to practice it because it was way stronger than my natural accent," Jackman said.

Jackman also admits brushing up on some of the Australian slang that writer-director Neill Blomkamp wrote for the part.

"He used a lot of phrases, and I had to end up Googling the slang," Jackman said. "Neill was coming up with some really cool sayings ... I was trying to think of more, so I ended up Googling some of them."

Chappie, which opens in theatres on March 6, tells the story of a fallen police robot that is reprogrammed to think and feel for itself. Jackman said he had fun playing the film's antagonist, an engineer strongly opposed to artificial intelligence.

"We got to create this character that did stretch it a bit. We had a lot of fun with him from the look, his mannerism, the way he talked. At the same time, it was very much based in a reality that was needed for the movie in terms of the voice of caution," Jackman said.

Blomkamp is known for his sci-fi thrillers District 9 and Elysium.

The last time Jackman appeared in a film using his native accent was The Australian in 2008, opposite Nicole Kidman.

He did lend his voice to the 2012 animated film Rise of the Guardians.

Jackman, who just finished a Broadway run in the Jez Butterworth play The River, says he will hit the stage again next month.

"My one-man show I did here on Broadway a few years back, I'm going to do in Turkey. I'm very excited about that," he said.

He added: "It should be fun. We'll see how the Turks like it."

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Hugh Jackman on director Neill Blomkamp's use of Aussie slang in Chappie

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Ryan Reynolds says he attempted to create a three-dimensional character on the set of The Voices, rather than simply portraying a menacing, scary psychopath. HANDOUT

‘He’s the nicest serial killer you’ll ever meet’

Film. Dark comedy sees Ryan Reynolds walk fine line between eerie and endearing

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If you’re asking, Ryan Reynolds is a dog person.

“But I’m only a dog person because they can be controlled,” he tells us.

“Cats hate me.”

That’s a light way to start talking about his new film, The Voices, in which he plays Jerry, a disturbed Midwesterner who’s off his meds, and as such, converses with his dog and his cat (both voiced by him). Soon enough, and purely by accident, he’s racked up a body count. Combining dark comedy with horror and a serious side is a challenge both for him and his director, Marjane Satrapi, who herself is changing gears from the Iran-set Persepolis and Chicken with Plums to stake a bloody American debut.

You had to chase this one down and talk with Satrapi about casting you. How did you convince her?

I knew there were two other actors who had their hands up for it, who I would argue are much more critically acclaimed than I am. So I really had to get my s— together. I met with Marjane and gave her my take on the guy. One of the things I said was: If there’s even one look of menace on Jerry’s face, we lose the audience. She seemed to really latch onto that idea, that we have to trust him, we have to follow him and ostensibly care for him. Somehow she, I don’t know, found me creepy enough to do the role.

What do you think she brings to this project that other directors might not have?

She brings a European sensibility, even though she does not originate from Europe. And she brings a sense of unending whimsy to a subject matter that is a little intense. As I’ve gotten older — I wish I’d learned this earlier — but films are all about the director. It’s their medium.

There’s something shockingly sweet-natured about the film. For one thing, the actual gore tends to be off-screen or obscured in the shots.

That’s funny — some people find it gory. I think it’s offset by Jerry’s innocence and arrested development. He was traumatized at 10 or 11 years old, and he’s still 10 or 11 years old when we meet him. It’s also offset by the fact that there’s this asexuality to him. That’s important, especially since we’re dealing with women in this movie. If there was a sexual component, the movie would be wholly unpleasant in every way shape or form, and it would never see the light of day. He’s the nicest serial killer you’ll ever meet.

Jerry’s definitely not a sexual predator.

Marjane did certain things, like when Anna Kendrick’s character (a co-worker with a crush on him) kisses Jerry. Anna’s tiny and I’m not, and she had us do it near a staircase, so she could have Anna up high, so she’d be in control. She pulls Jerry in for a kiss instead of Jerry coming to her.

Just do it

“One of the things Marjane and I clicked over was neither of us likes to rehearse. That was nice. Because I always think, just go be it. If I’m a good enough actor I can show up to set ready. We clicked on this ‘f— rehearsal’ thing. We just dove right in. I remember on Buried I was asked to rehearse for two weeks. I just said, “On what? Lying down on a coffee table in a room? Can we just shoot the f—ing thing? I don’t want to pretend I’m in a coffin, doing some Marcel Marceau bit. Let’s just go!”

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Head to the Ontario Science Centre on Family Day and take part in Brain: The Inside Story, an interactive exhibition. CONTRIBUTED

Fort York
Wander around Fort York from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a taste of Toronto's history. Kids are invited to try an 1812 drill class, officers' sword drill, and old-fashioned games. (fortyork.ca or call 416-392-6907)

Skating
Lace up your skates and glide along the rink at Evergreen Brick Works (evergreen.ca) or Nathan Phillips Square (nathanphillipssquareskaterentals.ca). For a list of city rinks open for drop-in skating on Family Day, visit toronto.ca and search for Family Day.

Tobogganing
Some of the best runs are at Riverdale Park (near Danforth and Broadview), Trinity Bellwoods Park (Queen West at Strachan), and Centennial Park (in Etobicoke).

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Centennial Park boasts a ski and snowboard centre and features heated chalet, free parking, and ski and snowboard rentals. CONTRIBUTED

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For Metro

No one is going to mistake Toronto and the surrounding hills for a ski resort in the Rockies, but you can still enjoy some great skiing around town, especially for beginners and kids.

Earl Bales Ski and Snowboard Centre has a bustling kid-friendly vibe and affordable rates. CONTRIBUTED

Earl Bales Ski and Snowboard Centre
Tucked away deep in Earl Bales Park, you will find a ski and snowboard centre. Run by the City of Toronto and accessible by TTC, it caters to beginners and intermediates and has a bustling kid-friendly vibe and affordable rates. For more, call 416-395-7931 or visit toronto.ca.

Centennial Park Ski and Snowboard Centre
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Glen Eden Ski Resort
A short drive to Milton leads you to Glen Eden Conservation Area, which is also home to the Glen Eden Ski Resort. "Family Day we keep pretty low-key around here," said Cory Patten, a spokesperson for Glen Eden. "We play music and have little activities for kids." For more, visit glenedeen.on.ca.

Blue Mountain Resort
Near Collingwood, Blue Mountain Resort is modelled on alpine villages. "We have our daily stay, ski and rental package running through Family Day weekend," said Ashley Amis, Blue Mountain's public relations manager. The package includes one night accommodation, ski gear rental and lift tickets, and a free group lesson or the self-guided Newbie Learning Circuit. For more, visit bluemountain.ca.

Mount Chinguacousy Ski and Snowboard Hill
The City of Brampton offers rentals and affordable lift tickets at the Donald M. Gordon Chinguacousy Park. It even boasts a pro tuning shop. On Family Day, the ski hill is open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and private lessons are available. For more, visit brampton.ca.

Dagmar Resort
North of Pickering and Ajax is where you will find Dagmar Resort. "Our gentle terrain is ideal for little ones and beginners in our alpine area," said spokesperson Caroline Yli-Luoma. "We also have 25 kilometres of cross-country trails." On Family Day, the resort will bring out the Bag Jump, a huge safety bag to catch you if you want to try aerial ski jumps. For more, visit skidagmar.com.

Uplands Ski Centre
A golf club in the summer, Uplands in Thornhill transforms into a ski club when the snow flies. With slopes of varying difficulty that average 1,000 feet in length, Uplands bills itself as perfect for beginners of all ages, but especially children. For more, visit uplandsgolfandski.com.

Ricardo is a Canadian chef, television host and author on a mission: To unite people through the pleasure of food. Discover his delicious and simple recipes every Friday — just in time for the weekend

Get on your lover's sweet side

This recipe serves two. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Valentine's Day. Chocolate Raspberry Crémeux For Two beats store-bought treats

RICARDO COOKS
Chef Ricardo
Ricardo Magazine

Although we hardly need an excuse to enjoy a decadent dessert, it seems fitting to whip up something extra-special for Valentine's Day.

Dark Chocolate Crémeux

1. In a bowl, combine the egg yolks and sugar with a whisk. Set aside.

2. In a saucepan, bring the cream to a boil. Remove from the heat and add the chocolate. Allow to melt for 1 minute and stir until smooth. Gradually pour into the egg mixture, stirring constantly.

3. Add the butter and stir until smooth. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours.

White Chocolate Cream

1. In a bowl, place the chocolate. Set aside.

2. In a small saucepan or microwave oven, bring the cream to a boil.

3. Pour hot cream over chocolate. Allow to melt for 1 minute and stir the mixture with a whisk until smooth. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Macerated Raspberries

1. In bowl, combine raspberries, sugar and liqueur. Allow to macerate for about 5 minutes.

Assembly

1. Whip white chocolate cream with an electric mixer until medium-soft peaks appear.

2. On a large plate for two, spread the white chocolate cream. Using two tablespoons dipped in warm water, form five to six mounds, each with about 3 tbsp of dark chocolate crémeux mixture. Place on the cream. Garnish with raspberries and serve with 2 spoons. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED IN 2014.**

Ingredients

Dark Chocolate Crémeux
- 3 egg yolks
- 1/4 cup (53 g) sugar
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) 35% cream
- 4 oz (115 g) dark chocolate, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp (28 g) unsalted butter, softened

White Chocolate Cream
- 1 oz (30 g) white chocolate, chopped
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) 35% cream

Macerated Raspberries
- 1/3 cup (42 g) raspberries
- 2 tsp sugar
- 2 tsp (10 ml) raspberry liqueur

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Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm having sparkling wine this Valentine's Day, how about you?

While I'm no poet, all you guys out there better take advantage of this Feb. 14 falling on a Saturday by bringing breakfast in bed to your significant other paired with a glass of something fresh and fizzy.

If expensive French champagne isn't in your snack bracket, pick up a bubbly made in the traditional method. The process developed in the Champagne region infuses wines with effervescence through a second fermentation in the bottle.

Most traditional method wines taste as close to champagne as you'll ever get for less than $20, with those from Spain identified as Cava leading the pack.

If you prefer your bubbles to be less obvious, look to Italian Prosecco.

Not as moussy as a typical sparkler, wines like La Marca Prosecco ($17.95 - $19.99) have taken the world by storm over the last few years thanks to their zippy acidity, creamy flavour trail and cocktail-esque personality. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Melt chocolate and hearts

1. In a bowl, combine 2 tbsp of cocoa powder and sugar. Butter six 1/2-cup (125 ml) ramekins and sprinkle with the cocoa and sugar mix. With rack in the middle position, preheat the oven to 375 F (190 C).

2. In bowl, sift together flour and 1/2 cup (50 g) of the cocoa powder. Set aside.

3. Over double boiler, melt the chocolate and butter. Let cool.

4. In another bowl, whisk the eggs with the sugar for about 4 minutes or until the mixture is light and fluffy.

5. With a spatula, fold in the flour and cocoa mixture. Add the chocolate and stir gently.

6. Pour half the batter into the ramekins. Place 1/6 of the white chocolate and a Bing cherry (or 2 morello cherries) in the centre of each ramekin. Top with the remaining batter.

7. Bake for about 16 minutes.

8. Let cool slightly, unmould and serve immediately. If serving is delayed, reheat cakes in the microwave oven. If desired, serve with fresh cherries half dipped in chocolate. **RICARDO**

This recipe makes four servings. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (13 g) cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp (26 g) sugar
- 1/2 cup (70 g) flour
- 1/2 cup (50 g) cocoa powder
- 8 oz (225 g) dark chocolate, chopped
- 1/4 cup (57 g) butter
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup (105 g) sugar

Filling
- 3 oz (90 g) white chocolate, chopped
- 6 canned Bing cherries, drained
- Icing sugar

Valentines for your place or mine

Instead of splashing out on cheesy gifts for Valentine's Day, why not make an investment that will look good in your home? Here are some of our favourites

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You light up my life

This funky light is playful and cute, and at either 30 or 60 centimetres, is an unobtrusive way to add a bit of love to your interior spaces. It can be laid on its side on flat surfaces, or mounted on the wall. From $170.

TWO GIRLS AND A CONTAINER

Have a little heart

This miniature collectible — just 5.25" by 4.75" by 5.5" — is a replica of a chair designed by Verner Panton in 1958. $406 in the MoMA store. **VERNER PANTON**

Can you handle it?

Italian homeware brand Alessi gets romantic with this TO mug, made from bone china. The mug comes with a ribbon designed for writing personalized dedications. From $37. **MIRIAM MIRRI FOR ALESSI**

Just one's cup of tea

Classic yet irreverent, this Queen of Hearts teacup and saucer from English china brand Wedgwood will set the mood for teatime. The cup is part of a wider collection featuring a teapot, cream and sugar bowl. $77.

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Breaking bad habits

Germ warfare. Subtle daily tasks can make you more vulnerable to cold and flu viruses

HELEN RACANELLI
For Metro

That elevator button at your place of work or your apartment building harbours harmful bacteria. SHUTTERSTOCK

Good hand-washing is vital to avoiding colds and flu, but you might be surprised that some little bad habits might be exposing you to nasty germs.

Here are a few culprits that could be undermining your health.

Pressing elevator buttons

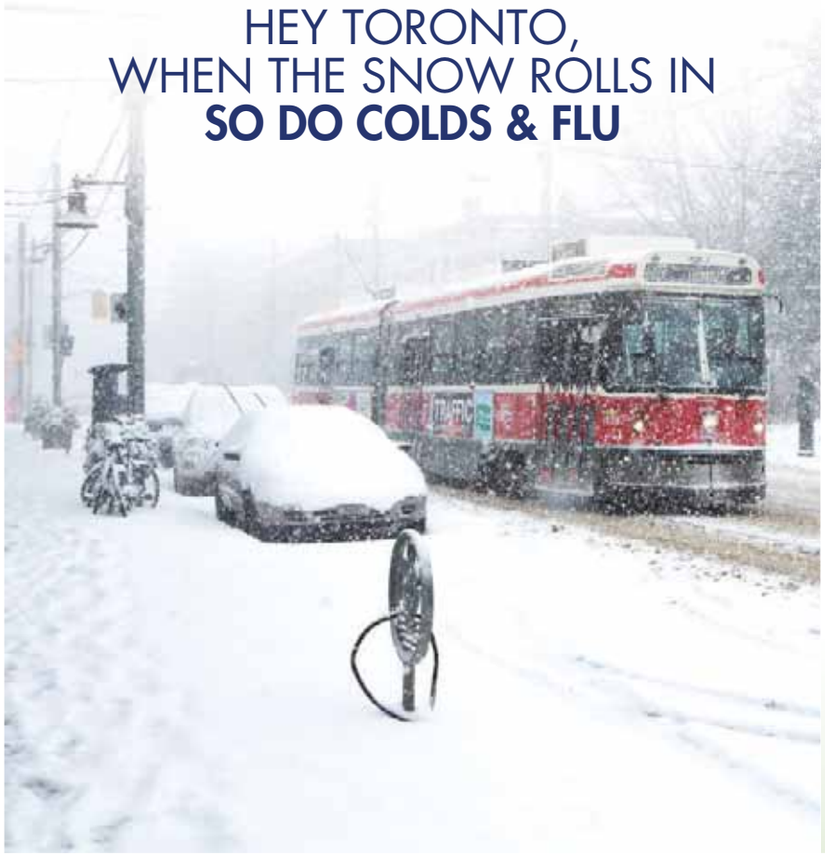
That elevator button at your place of work or your apartment building harbours harmful bacteria. According to a 2014 study in Open Medicine journal, 61 per cent of elevator buttons in three Toronto hospitals were colonized with bacteria. Toilets in the hospitals were also swabbed. You can probably guess where this is going: The toilet surfaces had significantly less bacteria than elevator buttons at 43 per cent. If you must touch the button with bare fingers, wash your hands after the elevator trip, or use your elbow, or even a pen cap to touch the buttons.

Being within six feet of someone with a cold

Although it may feel a bit rude, it's almost a natural instinct to edge away from someone sneezing or coughing rampantly. That instinct is correct and, actually, the distance you need is not only arm's length, it's further. Six feet, or two metres, is the proper distance to keep away from individuals infected with the flu and colds, according to public health officials.

Touching your face

Wiping crumbs off your lips, scratching your cheek or even resting a chin in your hand are all ways you are physically depositing germs near your mouth and nose. Chances are you touch your face many times in a day without even thinking twice about it. Public health experts say you should always wash your hands before touching your face. That's not always practical, so if you can't get to a sink, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Be sure to rub the sanitizer over the tips of your fingers, not just around the palms of your hands.



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PARIS IN 24 HOURS

Hidden gems in the City of Lights

Explore Paris through its neighbourhoods

Skip the Louvre and Eiffel Tower and explore the City of Lights the way it's meant to be explored: By wandering its neighbourhoods.

WHAT TO DO

Paris is divided into 20 arrondissements, or neighbourhoods, which have their own distinct identity. But unless you have weeks to spare, it's best to pick a few rather than try to see everything — you will quickly wear out the soles of your shoes.

The Marais, for example, is known as Old Paris, with some of the city's oldest buildings among its winding streets, but it's home to hip boutiques, cafés and art galleries. The Latin Quarter, on the left bank, is one of the oldest neighbourhoods in Paris with historical brasseries, while St. Germain-des-Pres, once a bohemian mecca, is now home to high-end shops and famous cafés, such as Café Flore and Les Deux Magots.

Well worth exploring is the neighbourhood of Montmartre, which sits on a hill overlooking Paris. You can get a sense of historic Paris as you wander away from the crowds at Place du Tertre and get lost in the steep, cobbled streets. Though it's crowded at night, it's worth sticking around to watch the sunset from Sacré-Coeur Basilica at the top of the hill, where you will hear the locals singing and strumming guitars.

Avoid famous Père Lachaise Cemetery and head to Montmartre Cemetery — a reprieve from the bustle of busy Paris streets — where you will walk in solitude along shady paths lined with maple and chestnut trees to find the graves of Edgar Degas and Alexandre Dumas.

If you aren't keen on getting lost in the streets of Paris, consider a walking tour. Paris Walks, for example, offers a range of options from Paris during the Second World War to Hemingway's Paris. Or try a chocolate-tasting tour, where you will be introduced to the city's top chocolatiers.

Instead of the Louvre, head to the Orangerie — a small, but stunning gallery that houses Claude Monet's the Nymphéas (Water Lilies) displayed in twin oval rooms. For more modern art, go on a graffiti-viewing tour along the Canal Saint-Martin, an up-and-coming neighbourhood with plenty of shops and restaurants.

WHERE TO EAT

The list of cafés, bistros and restaurants in Paris could fill the pages of a book, but a rule of thumb is to avoid places with an English-language sandwich board out front.

While in Paris, order the steak-frites (a Parisian staple) or, if you can handle raw meat, try the beef tartare. Some neighbourhood bistros serve up French classics in an affordable, casual atmosphere (such as Bistrot Paul Bert); look for a prix-fixe menu. Or splurge at a Michelin-starred restaurant, such as Guy Savoy.

If you are watching your waistline, Paris can be torture with its artisan boulangers, creperies and patisseries. It's hard to resist those chewy baguettes and melt-in-your-mouth pain au chocolate. Paris is also the capital of dark chocolate; look for single-sourced MOF chocolatiers (MOF is the highest ranking in the French culinary world).

In Paris, there's no need to eat all your meals in a restaurant — head to a cheese shop (try Laurent Dubois), pick up a bottle of wine and picnic in one of Paris's many parks, such as elegant Parc Monceau. Or head to the Rodin Museum, where you can enjoy a baguette on an outdoor terrace surrounded by rose gardens and Rodin's famous sculptures.

With so much to see and eat in its diverse arrondissements, Paris is worth a visit any time of year — and you will want to go back again and again.

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Islanders sink Leafs further into abyss

The Islanders' Anders Lee, who had already scored two goals in the game, gets the puck past Maple Leafs goaltender Jonathan Bernier but not into the net during the second period of Thursday night's game in Uniondale, N.Y. Casey Cizikas also scored for the Islanders in a 3-2 victory. Richard Panik and Trevor Smith were the goal scorers for the Leafs, who lost a second straight game and fell to 23-29-4. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Lowry 'wants to win big': Raps GM

NBA. Ujiri says he's 'so proud' of all-star point guard and the growth he has shown since joining Toronto

Masai Ujiri was talking to Kyle Lowry earlier this week about his point guard's training plans for this coming summer.

Halfway through the Toronto Raptors' finest season, and on the cusp of playing in his first NBA all-star game, Lowry wanted to talk about his desire to get better.

"That tells you more about him," said Ujiri, the Raptors president and GM. "He's not relaxing. He wants to win, and he wants to try and win big. That's what he wants, and he's not just any player but your point guard, your lead player."

The 29-year-old Lowry has taken a longer, bumpier route to this weekend's all-star game in New York than the NBA superstars he'll be dishing out assists to. There were stops in Memphis and Houston, and by the time he arrived in Toronto he'd been painted with the reputation of being a tough guy to coach.

Raptors point guard hits the hardwood under the Wizards' John Wall on Wednesday night at the Air Canada Centre. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

But Toronto has brought out the best in Lowry. He's averaging a career-high 18.8 points a night, and continues to endear himself to fans with his heart and hustle. He is the team leader in taking charges, a lunging and diving example of a putting one's body on the line.

He had the most memorable moment of Wednesday night's 95-93 win over Washington. Lowry made like he was on a Slip'N Slide, sliding 15 feet on his belly to beat John Wall to a loose ball. The daring dive ripped the skin off Lowry's palms.

Earlier this season, he chased a loose ball right over the front row of fans, coming up with a face-full of an ice cream sandwich.

"I am super (proud)," Ujiri said, before boarding a flight to New York for the weekend's all-star festivities. "I texted him yesterday and I told him I'm so proud of him."

Ujiri doesn't take credit for Lowry's growth in Toronto. He simply gave Lowry the opportunity, he said. Lowry did the rest.

"He took the challenge. To give Kyle the credit, he challenged himself, and he saw some of the things that he did well and some of the things he didn't do so well, and he just challenged himself," Ujiri said.

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Starting lineup

3rd

Lowry is the third Raptor to be voted in as a starter along with Vince Carter and Chris Bosh.

NHL

Vegas halfway to goal in ticket drive

Las Vegas appears well on its way to showing the NHL that it deserves an expansion team.

Less than 48 hours into its season-ticket drive, Hockey Vision Las Vegas says it is already halfway to the goal of 10,000 deposits.

"We are off to a great start," prospective owner Bill Foley said in a statement. "It is our hope that the Las Vegas community will continue to rally around this incredible initiative. We've seen an outpouring of support, and we know Southern Nevadans will continue to place deposits to help us demonstrate that Las Vegas can support its first major-league sports franchise."

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NBA

Kings find new coach in Karl

The Sacramento Kings announced Thursday that they had reached an agreement in principle with George Karl to become the head coach.

The team said a news conference to introduce Karl would be scheduled when the agreement is finalized.

Karl, the sixth-winningest coach in NBA history, is expected to coach the Kings in their first game following the All-Star break at home against Boston on Feb. 20.

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NBA

"I know coming into the season everyone wanted overnight success. It's not about that. It's about the process for me. I've always stayed even-keeled."

LeBron James after a 113-93 win over his former Miami Heat teammates on Wednesday night. With 14 wins in 15 games entering a Thursday night showdown with the Bulls in Chicago before starting the all-star break, the Cleveland Cavaliers, revamped by two trades and James' two-week wellness break, have put a turmoil-filled few months behind them. They again look like a team capable of winning an NBA title.

New Reds bring a certain je ne sais quoi to Toronto

MLS. Perquis, Cheyrou and Simonin give TFC a jolt of French flair

Damien Perquis, left, and Benoit Cheyrou will be relied upon to give Toronto FC a more responsible defensive approach this season. GETTY IMAGES FILES

Italian playmaker Sebastian Giovinco and Americans Michael Bradley and Jozy Altidore may be the marquee names at Toronto FC this season but don't underestimate the MLS team's new French flair.

Veteran midfielder Benoit Cheyrou and defender Damien Perquis look to add style on and off the pitch. And head coach Greg Vanney, who played professionally in France, likes what he sees from rookie defender Clement Simonin, a first-round draft pick.

If nothing else, the MLS club will have some great accents. You have not lived until you have heard Cheyrou wrap his tongue around Orlando — "Or-lon-doe" does not do it justice.

Toronto is a "leeetle beet colder," the former Marseille star added charmingly.

All three French players speak good English, while needlessly apologizing for not having a good grasp of the language. Perquis, a French-born Polish international, can be excused when he admits he is still trying to figure out centre back partner Steven Caldwell's Scottish brogue.

"That's one guy I have some difficulty with," Perquis said with a laugh. "It's hard to understand him but it's OK. We will arrive together, to have a contact. So don't worry."

On the pitch, Cheyrou looks to be silky smooth with a deep array of moves and passes.

In practice this week, the 33-year-old Frenchman found himself hemmed in with only a sliver of space in front of him. Cheyrou rolled the ball over the top of his foot, effectively reducing the space he needed to get through the gap, and hit the accelerator.

The 30-year-old Perquis, who has played at the top level in France and Spain, is projected to be the defensive anchor Toronto missed last season when Caldwell went down with an injury.

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Quoted

"I grew up watching Cheyrou all the time, every weekend. Perquis as well. So it's quite strange and surprising to be here on the same field with them."

Clement Simonin, Toronto's ninth overall draft pick. The 23-year-old centre back came up through France's FC Lorient system.

Premier League

FA reprimands Chelsea, Everton

Chelsea and Everton have been charged by England's Football Association for a melee during Wednesday's match.

A foul by Everton's Gareth Barry on Willian late in Chelsea's 1-0 win sparked the incident. The FA said the clubs failed "to ensure their players conducted themselves in an orderly fashion and/or refrained from provocative behaviour."

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International soccer

"Is he worth a place in the squad now? Of course he is."

England coach Roy Hodgson saying 21-year-old striker Harry Kane is ready for a spot with the men's national team. Kane, pictured, has 23 goals in 35 games for Tottenham Hotspur this season — 13 in the Premier League.

Curling

"There are so many good teams at the Scotties and so much talent, it's definitely going to be a fight in every game for us to win."

Ottawa's Rachel Homan is looking to join a select list of women's curlers who have skipped their teams to three straight national titles when the Scotties Tournament of Hearts gets underway this weekend.

CFL

Simon back in B.C.

Geroy Simon drove the same route to work every day during his 12 years as a player with the B.C. Lions.

Getting lost won't be an issue when he starts his new job next week.

The former all-star receiver accepted a position in the Lions' front office Thursday, returning to the club where he won two Grey Cup titles.

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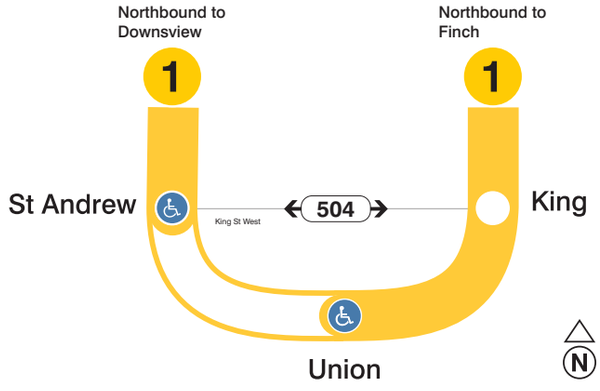

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Yesterday's Sudoku

8	4	6	5	9	7	1	2	3
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9	5	8	6	7	3	2	4	1
4	6	7	9	1	2	8	3	5
3	1	2	4	5	8	6	9	7
1	7	3	2	8	5	9	6	4
6	8	4	7	3	9	5	1	2
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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20

You will notice things today that people have overlooked. But don't expect many thanks when you point out what they have missed. Some people just do not want to be told anything.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21

You will see something to your advantage over the next 24 hours, something that can have a positive effect on your career. You will recognize it as soon as you see it.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21

Don't accept things just because the "experts" tell you they are true. All too often the "experts" are actually nothing of the sort.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23

Don't give up on something just because it does not seem to be working out the way you intended. That applies doubly if you have spent a lot of money on it. Give it time and you will eventually see a return on your investment.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23

It might be tempting to stick your nose in someone's business today but if you do you will likely regret it, especially if they know something about you that could be embarrassing.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Don't push yourself over the next 24 hours. Loved ones will happily share the burden of what you want done today, so spread the load. Work-wise, make this a day of planning.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will find it easy to forgive others' mistakes today but not so easy to forgive your own. You have set such high standards for yourself there are bound to be times when you cannot live up to them.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Information will come your way today that makes you wonder if some of the things you have been led to believe are true. It may upset you to discover that you have been misled.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

One way or another you must get your message across. Hopefully people will stop what they are doing and listen but, if not, grab hold of them and yell at them. They will hear you.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You seem to know just the right thing to say to get people on your side. Make that work in your favour today, especially when dealing with money. Your way with words could make you, and save you, a pile of cash

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Now that Mercury, planet of the mind, is moving in your favour again your head should be full of ideas. Take the initiative and start something new.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20

If you need to be alone with your thoughts by all means go off on your own for a while. You don't have to make excuses to those who were hoping for the pleasure of your company. It's good to keep them wanting more.

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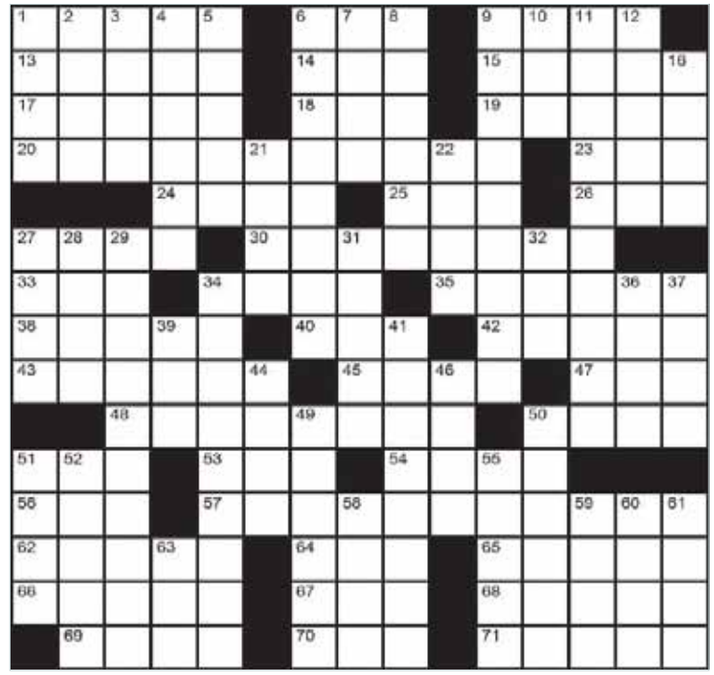

Across

1. "Cheers" character
6. Slangy put down
9. Church's vaulted part
13. Pantheon of Norse gods
14. Cousin on classic TV
15. Ringed and Harp
17. Fend, __ off
18. 'RCMP', e.g.
19. Birth a bovine
20. Shania Twain hit: 3 wds.
23. Neckwear
24. Texas city
25. Mr. Morrison
26. Sugar amt.
27. Goblins
30. Brewing company, __-Busch
33. Paddle
34. Ore deposit
35. Water down
38. "Oh __ _ Feeling": Hit for Hamilton band Crowbar
40. As written
42. Mr. Wilde
43. Freddy __ (Music bigwig who was Madonna's manager for several years)
45. Tibia's locale
47. Josh
48. Exaltee's elevation
50. Castaway's refuge
51. Deed
53. __-Cat (Ski hill machine)
54. Demeanor
56. Thames toilet
57. Non front-row-sitting person in Parliament
62. Thrust
64. Comparative suffix
65. Celebrity chef Guy
66. Ringo Who?
67. Neil Young's "I ___ Child"
68. "__ __ to Be You"
69. America's Maritime Guardian org.
70. Myrna of movies
71. Branch beds

Down

1. Wallet stuff
2. Actor Jared
3. "This __ __ unexpected surprise!"
4. Journalist's basic questions: wd. + li'l bit more
5. Norse goddess of love
6. "The Stroll" by Canadian quartet The __
7. Longing
8. Endeavoured
9. Space mission mystery on the CBC
10. The Princess and the __
11. Familiar sights on Winter roads: 2 wds.
12. Canadian skating great Mr. Stojko
16. Permeate
21. Flight-related UN Agency headquartered in Montreal [acronym]
22. Lucy Montgomery link (Canuck writer)
27. "__ you do that?"
28. South Dakota dam
29. National Basketball League of Canada team: wd. + li'l bit more
31. Professional thief's operation
32. Chicago trains
34. TSN: Canadian sports broadcaster Michael
36. Follow the car
37. Earth: German
39. __ kwon do
41. Denim-look shirt material
44. "99 Luftballons" by __
46. Eurythmics' "Would _ __ to You?"
49. Tea party, for one
50. Instigate
51. Shakespeare: __ Well That Ends Well
52. Jean __ (Quebec pharmacy chain)
55. Finally, in Montreal
58. Westerns: __ Sabe (The Lone Ranger, to Tonto)
59. Devious chuckles
60. 'E' in QED
61. Frees
63. RCMP's French acronym

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